

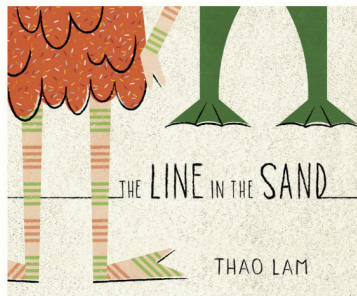


Preschool Pages: Monster Mayhem



*Book Recommendations, Early Literacy Tips, and More
from the Deerfield Public Library Youth Services Department*

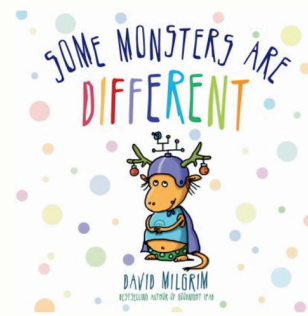
Book Recommendations



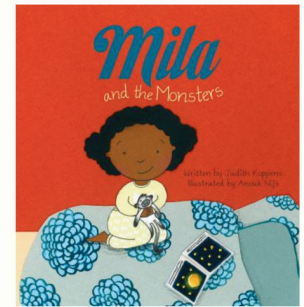
Lam is a master at wordless picture books, and this book is a case in point. The story starts immediately on the book's end pages with the appearance of a stick that a monster drags through the sand on a beach. What antics will this cause? Wordless picture books are great for building visual literacy and giving your child a chance to tell you the story!



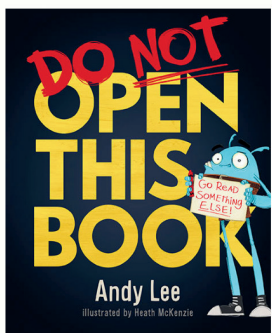
Betty is a sparkle of pink against a black and white backdrop. While other monsters snarl and enjoy the darkness, Betty loves rainbows and to smile. Will her school picture be fierce enough? A sweet tale about learning to embrace your differences. The illustrations are particularly striking and fun!



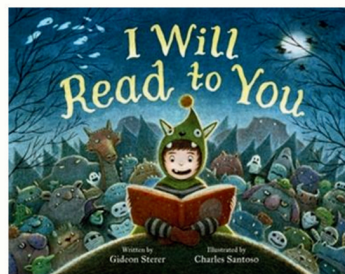
Simple text with colorful, humorous illustrations convey the message that everyone is different. Some pages might spark a conversation: why would a monster be afraid of a worm? What kind of food do you love to eat? How are you similar to or different from these monsters? A sweet celebration of how awesome it is to be YOU!



Mila sometimes stays with her daddy and sometimes with her mommy. Daddy always checks for monsters, but Mommy forgot! Luckily, Kitty, who lives at Mommy's house, is good at chasing away monsters, no matter their size or shape. Mila can now sleep easily, and we hope your child can, too.



This book is the first in a series about a monster telling you to NOT open this book! A silly tale, and one that is perfect for any kid who loves the Pigeon books by Mo Willems or *The Book with No Pictures* by B.J. Novak.

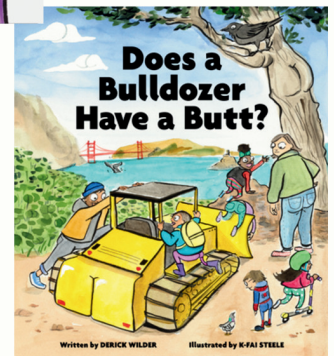
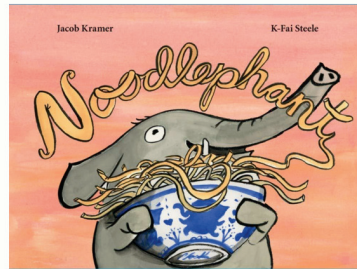
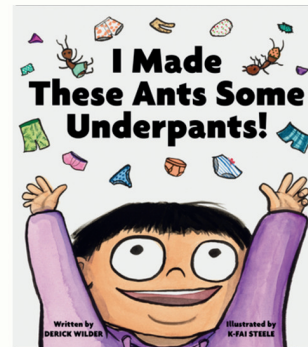
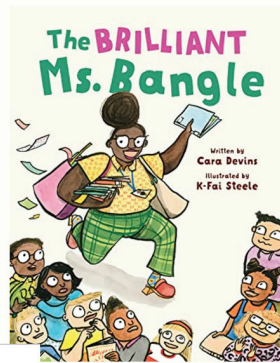
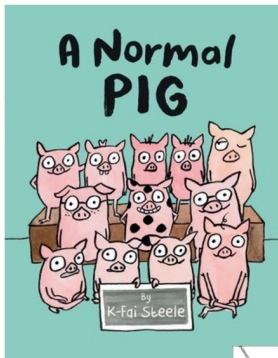


Our young main character asks for a spooky bedtime story but then wonders who's reading to the beasts he loves so much! He sets off to call upon a variety of monsters and reads to them as they fall asleep. His mom is proud of his efforts and rewards him with his own bedtime story. A touching book about the power of reading.

Author/Illustrator Spotlight

K-FAI STEELE

Sometimes an author or illustrator has so many great titles, we wish we could name them all! This month, we want to highlight the work of K-Fai Steele. Steele uses watercolor with thick outlines to create silly books that often address tough topics in an approachable way.



Beyond the Book!

Wordless picture books are proof your child can create a book on their own without needing to write words! Plus drawing is a great way to build early writing skills - letters are formed using shapes, after all, and practicing holding crayons and markers uses the same muscles needed to write with a pencil later on. You and your child can each draw your own wordless picture book! Then you can take turns reading the book each other, interpreting one another's pictures as you go.



Mila is afraid of monsters, a fear that comes out at night. On the other hand, the main character in *I Will Read to You* loves those beasts and seeks them out, even at bedtime! Differences exist and make us the unique beings we are. Talking about differences, even between characters in books, helps normalize them and also helps to decrease bias. Use books to comfortably explore and celebrate differences!

