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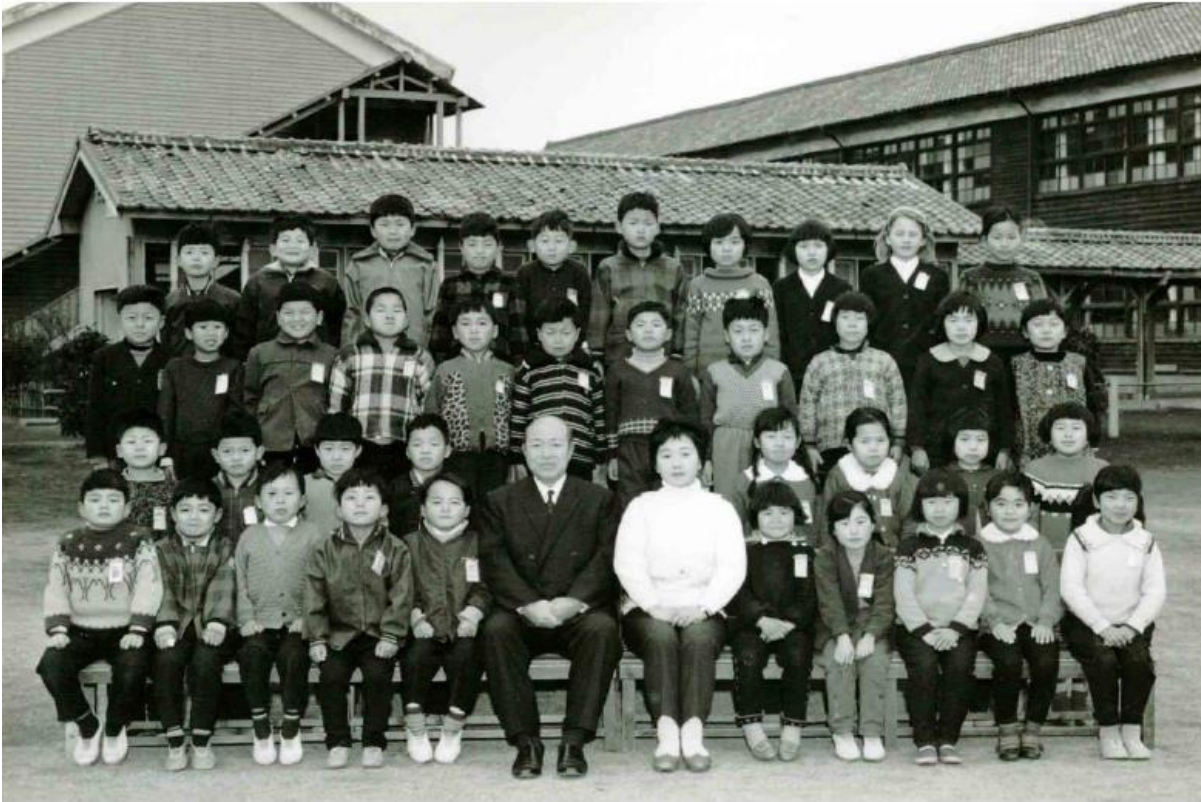
How to Babysit a Grandma

Companion to the
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HOW TO BABYSIT
A GRANDPA



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For my sister, Jane,
grandma extraordinaire, and for
Allison and Jamie and their teams
—J.R.

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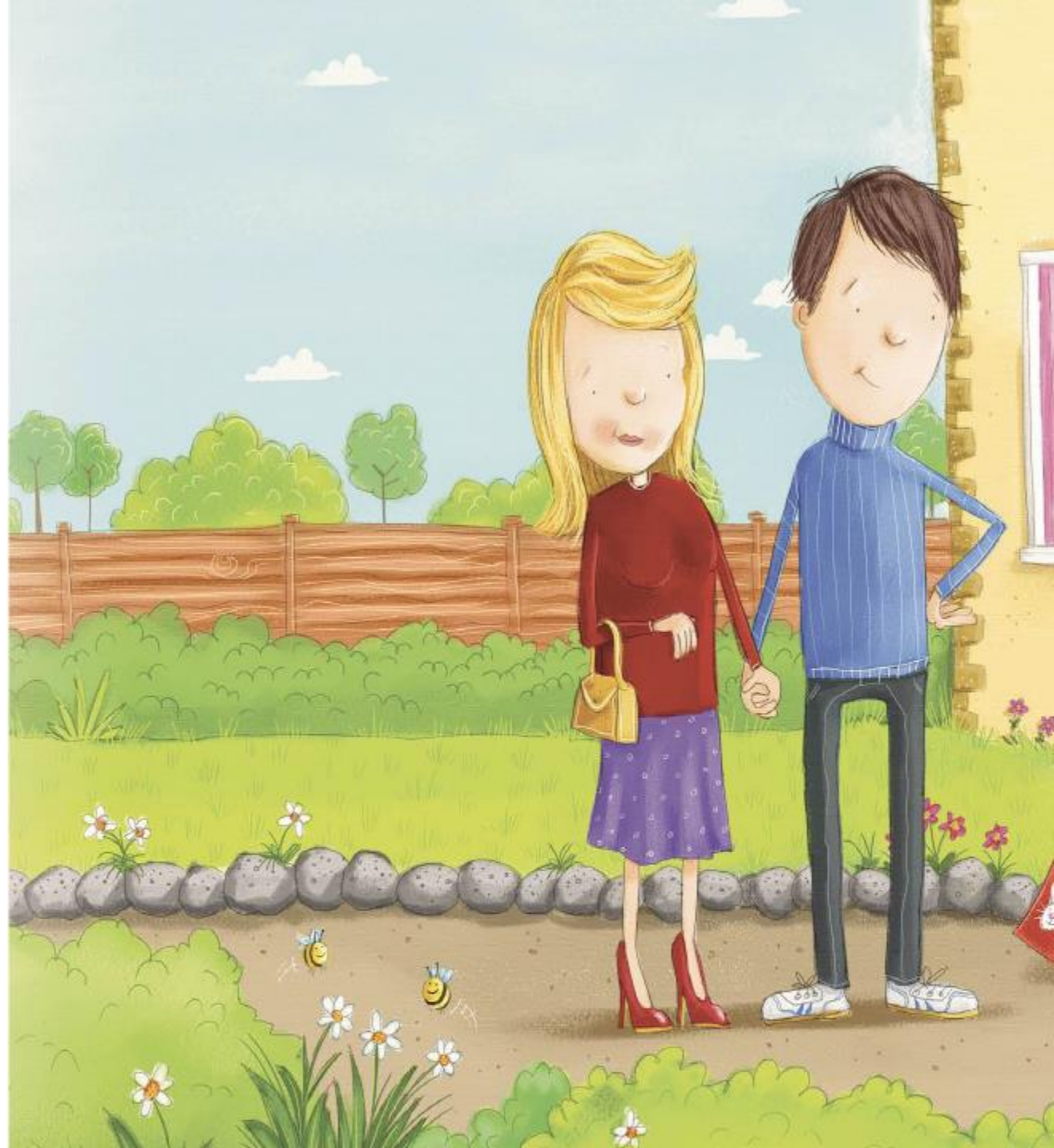
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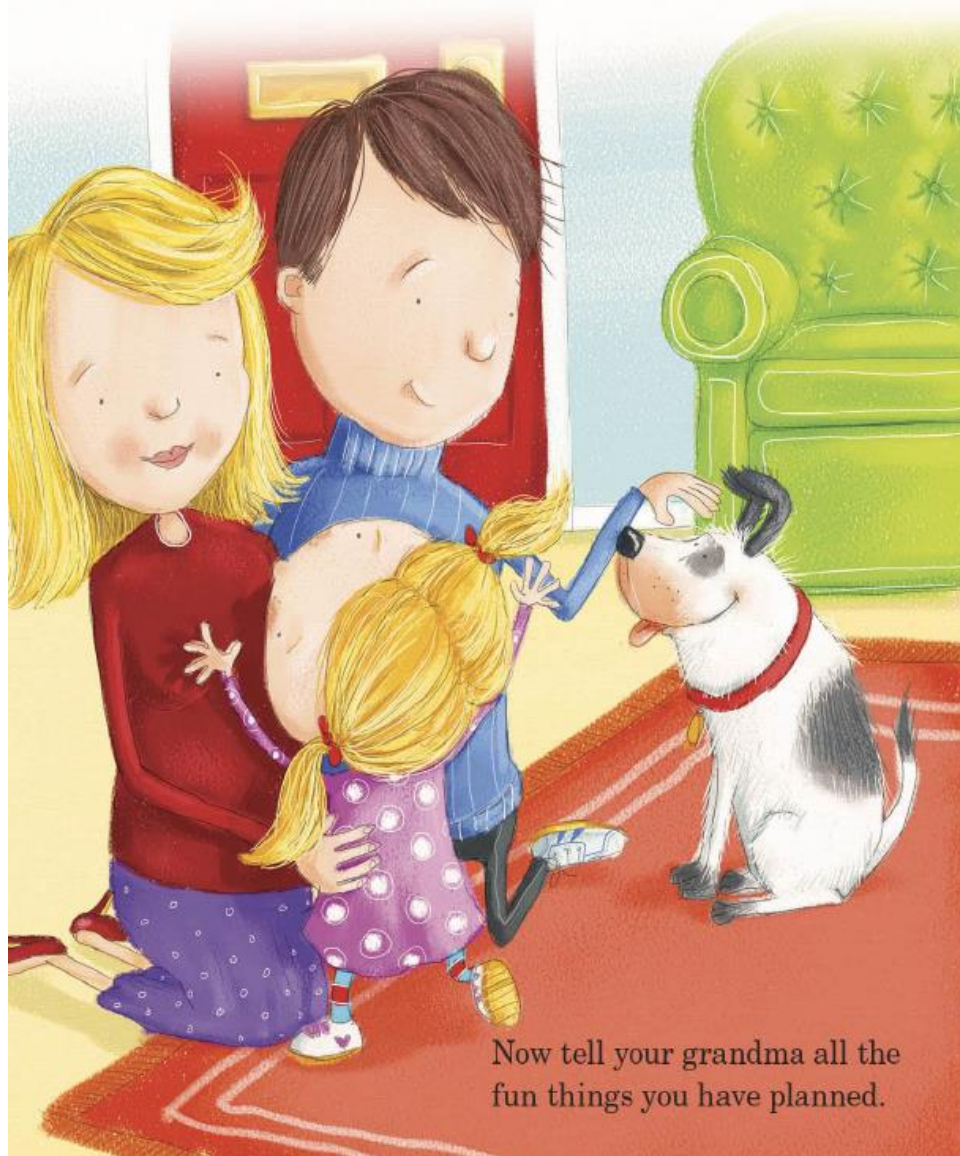


If you like cats, meow. If
you like dogs, bark. If you
like goldfish, hmmm . . .



When she opens the door, shout:
"Grandma, your babysitter is here!"

Hug your mom and dad goodbye and say,
“Don’t be sad. I’ll be home soon.”



Now tell your grandma all the
fun things you have planned.

HOW TO KEEP A GRANDMA BUSY:

GO TO THE PARK

bake snickerdoodles

have a costume parade

GO TO THE PARK to feed the ducks

do yoga

look at family pictures

GO TO THE PARK to swing

play hide-and-seek

make goofy hats

GO TO THE PARK to slide

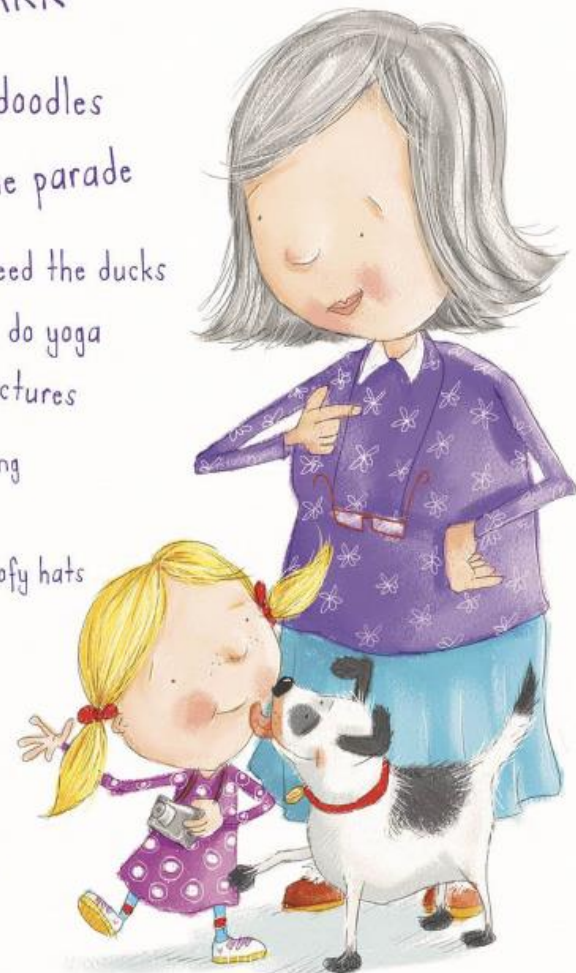
have a dancing-puppet show

read stacks of books

GO TO THE PARK to take photos

do puzzles

play cards



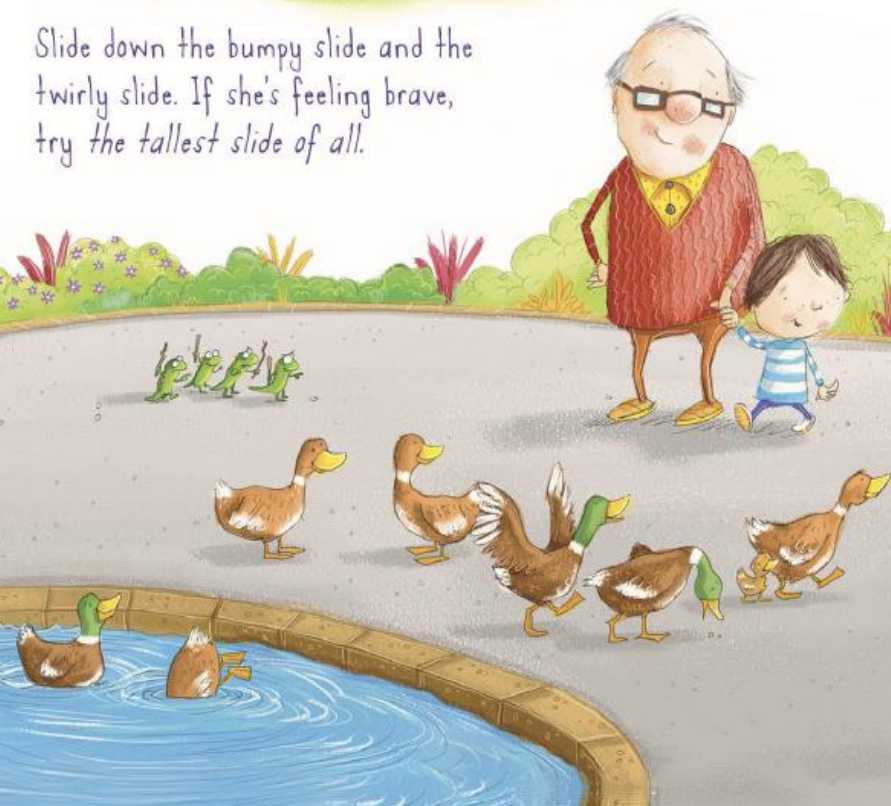
As the babysitter, you need to let *her* choose.
Of course, she'll want to . . .

... go to the park.

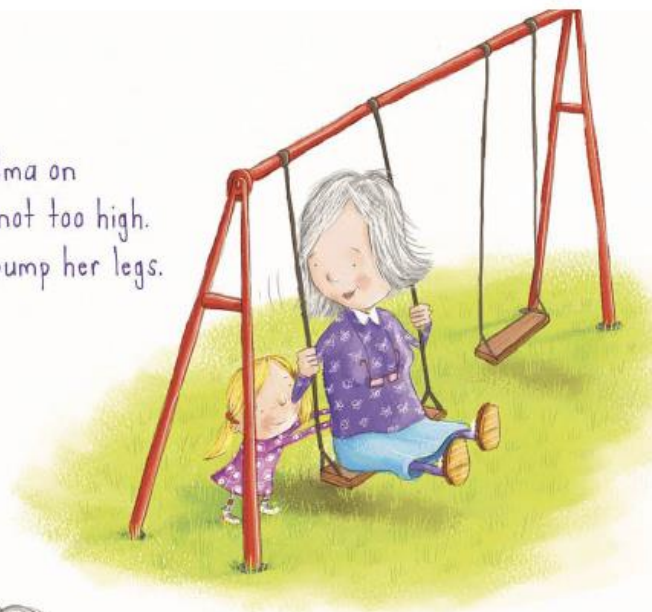
WHAT TO DO AT
THE PARK:



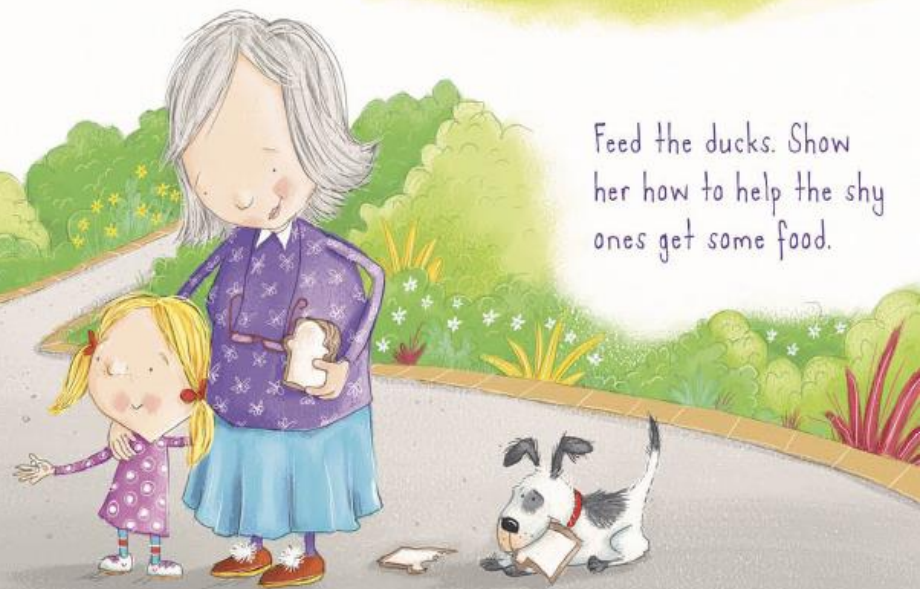
Slide down the bumpy slide and the
twirly slide. If she's feeling brave,
try the tallest slide of all.



Push your grandma on
the swing, but not too high.
Remind her to pump her legs.



Feed the ducks. Show
her how to help the shy
ones get some food.



Don't forget: good babysitters always say,
"Five more minutes!" before it's ... "Time to go!"

Back at home, plan some more fun.

HOW TO PLAY WITH A GRANDMA:

Grab two microphones and sing a duet.
(You might want to try "You Are My
Sunshine" or "Happy Birthday.")
Or make up a new
song together.



Line up all her shoes to play
Shoe Shop.



If your grandma likes fancy things, decorate her with ribbons,
bows, and stickers. Shout "Ta-dah!" when you hand her a mirror.



Soon it's time for dinner. Your grandma may be a yummy cook, but share your tricks to make everything taste even yummier.

Add sprinkles to anything. (Well—almost anything.)

Arrange the food to make silly faces.

Shut your eyes as you take each bite and say, "Mmmm . . ."



When it starts to get dark,
take your grandma outside
to find the first star.



Back inside, snuggle up and . . .

Read some books. Turn the pages slowly so she can find everything in the pictures.



Ask your grandma for stories about when your mom was little:

"What was Mom's favorite thing to do at the park?"

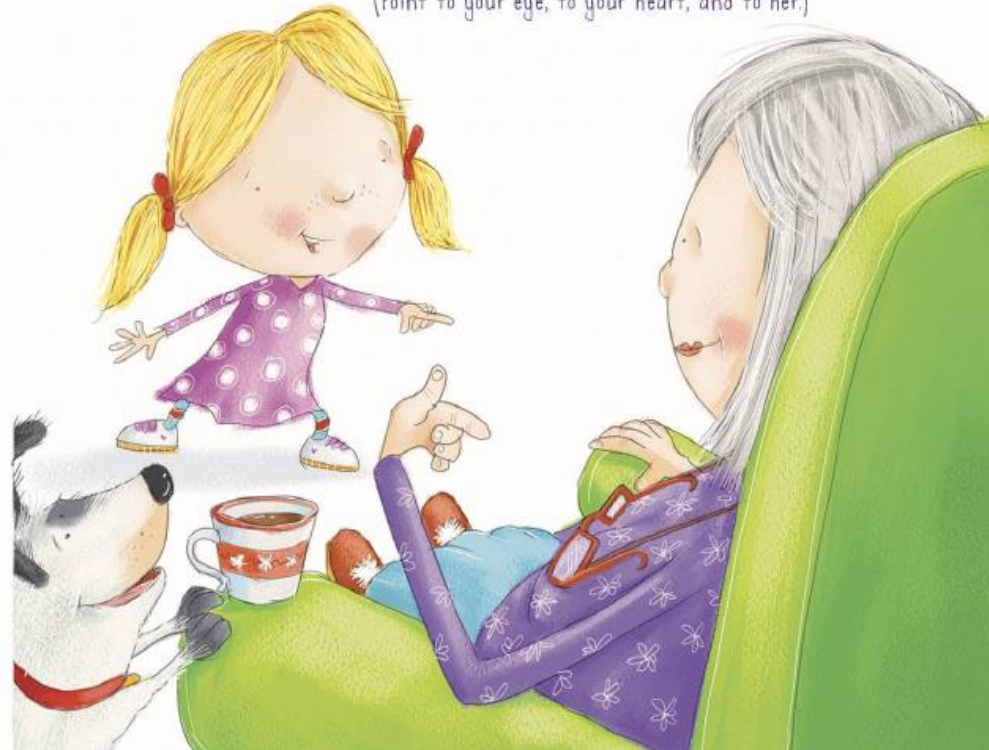
"Did she ever get in trouble?"

"Was her grandma as fun as you?"



Teach her how to say
I-LOVE-YOU without
making a sound.

(Point to your eye, to your heart, and to her.)



Now let your grandma choose where she wants to sleep.

PLACES TO SLEEP:

In a tent



On the couch



In the little bed



On the floor



If she asks, "Should we leave the night-light on? The hall light on? The door open?"

answer, "Yep, yep, yep."

Once you're both tucked in, make shadow puppets.
Have your shadow foxes kiss good night.



If she's missing your mom and dad,
tell her, "They'll be here tomorrow,
bright and early."

In the morning, when you
hear a knock, open the door
dressed up as . . .



TWINS!

After you're all packed up
comes the hardest part:
goodbye time.

HOW TO SAY GOODBYE TO A GRANDMA:

Let her borrow some sprinkles,
some books, some stickers,
some ribbons . . .

Say I-LOVE-YOU! without making a sound.

Give her a BIG hug and ask,
"When can I babysit you again?"



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How to Babysit a Grandma

stay @ grandma
sleepover.

- o pack a bag ✓
- o too much fun, but say goodbye ^{don't want to} ^{hit their} ^{feeling}
- o aluminum boats
dog? / cat iguana or bunny? I don't know

Make Howto lists

pack one for her - she may not
have one

Read Fairy Mom

Handbook

don't let rain ^{spoil your fun}
even mud pies ^{better}
w/ sprinkles

don't let grandma go to wild

at door
deep voice

carried away
tap, tap, tap.

sing

write

give choices

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Don't forget presents!

PRESENTS FOR A DAD:

Shirt and tie.

(Instead of wrapping these,
wear them for an even
bigger surprise.)



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What should you do when you get to her door?

In deep, deep voice say "GUESS WHOOOOO?"

Knock with a secret knock only she knows. Knock, knock. Tappity-tap. Tappity, tappity. TAP--TAP--TAP!

If you like cats, meow. If you like dogs, bark. IT YOU LIKE TURTLES, (GOLDFISH) SNAP?

When she opens the door, shout: "Your babysitter is here!"

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Yay!

What should you do when you get to her door?

[Wear a]disguise and say "GUESS WHOOOOOO?"

*does this work
w/ "when you
get to her door"?
Maybe throw on
a disguise...*

Knock with a secret knock only she knows. Knock, knock. Tappity-tap. Tappity, tappity. TAP--TAP!

Meow if you like cats. Bark if you like dogs.

Add one funny one?

*Turtles?
Goldfish?
Hermit crabs?*

When she opens the door shout, "Your babysitter is here."

Have a hop-skip-and-a-jump race.

Check flowers for ladybugs and butterflies. (Watch out for bees.)

At the park,

replace w/
headline?

I think we
need some,
to match
style of
grandpa

Push your grandma on the swing, but not too high.

Feed the ducks. Show her how to help the shy ones get some food.

Slide down the bumpy slide, the twirly slide, and then try the very highest slide of all. She may even say, "Again! Again!" (stronger w/o?)

Don't forget, good babysitters always say, "Five more minutes!" before saying, "Time to go!"

Back at home, head straight to the kitchen. Your grandma may be a yummy cook, but teach her tricks to make everything taste even yummier:

Add sprinkles to anything. (Well—almost anything.)

Use fancy cups. Hold out your pinky.

Decorate the table with art, flowers, pinecones, candles, placemats, and extra silverware.

Now say, "Let's play!"

Let's avoid
dialogue here
since there's
a lot of it?
headline
instead?

Line up all her shoes and play "Shoe Shop." [illustrator note: a wide variety of shoes, such as hiking boots, flippers, bunny slippers, snowshoes, skis, etc.]

Grab two microphones and sing your favorite songs. (Mine is "Happy Birthday.")

If your grandma likes fancy, fix her hair in ribbons. Decorate her fingernails with stickers and choose matching sticker-earrings. Say, "Tada!" when you hand her a mirror.

or: If she's a fancy grandma?

When it starts to get dark, surprise your grandma with glow-in-the-dark band-aids. Turn off the light and turn on your flashlight to make sure they work.

is this b/c they're scared? not sure it makes
sense to turn on the flashlight to see
glow-in-the-dark band-aids... maybe: and keep your
flashlight handy?

100% ALL TRUE
LIFE IN
MIDDLE
SCHOOL
100% ALL AMELIA

I'm a baby expert now!



Amelia's GUIDE TO Babysitting

by Marissa Moss



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RATTLE)
RATTLE!

(except all diapers changed-
YUUCCH! - by Amelia!)



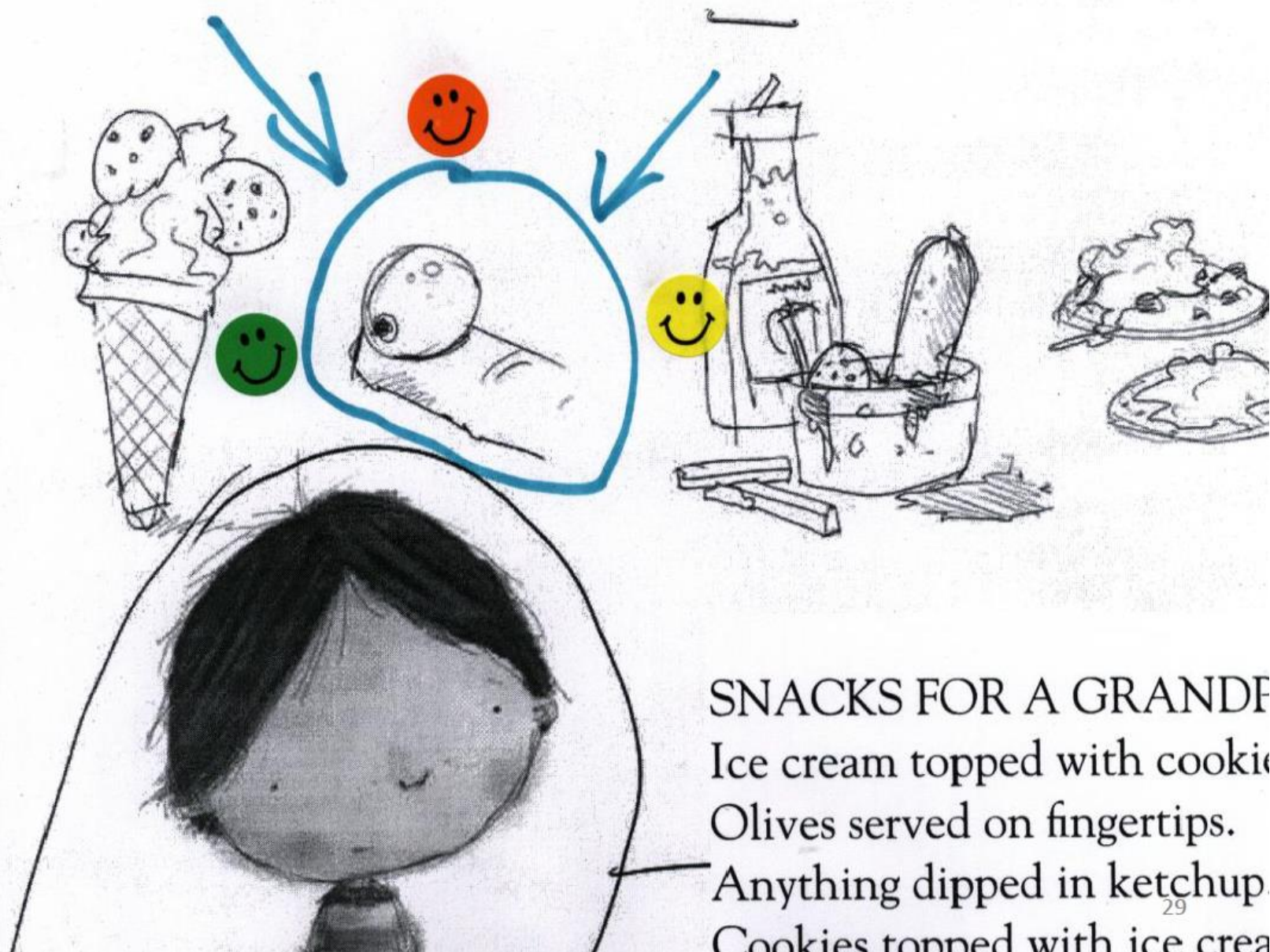
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SNACKS FOR A GRANDE

Ice cream topped with cookie

Olives served on fingertips.

Anything dipped in ketchup.

Cookies topped with ice cream



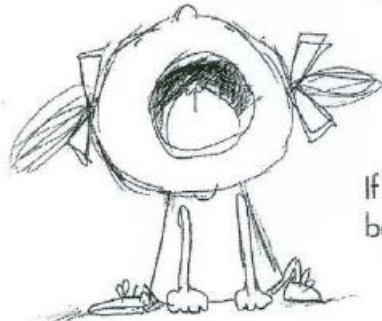
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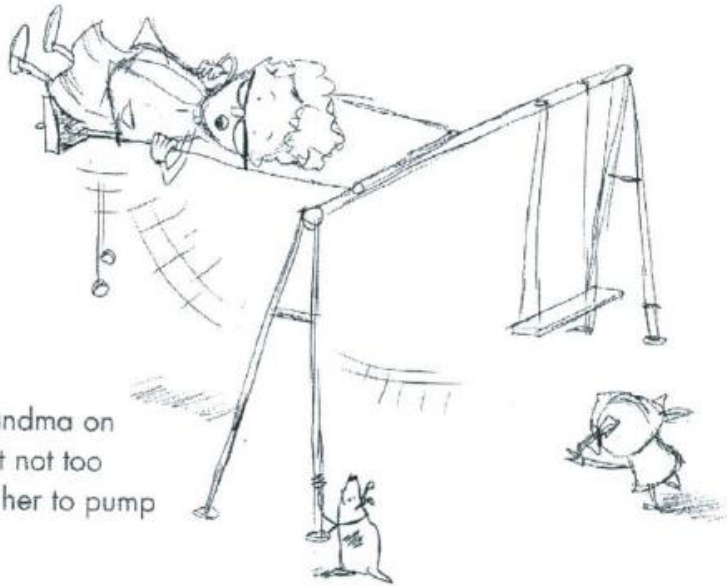
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Feed the ducks. Show her how to help the shy ones get some food.

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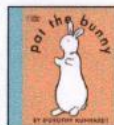
1. Oh, the Places You'll Go!

Dr. Seuss, Random House, \$17.99



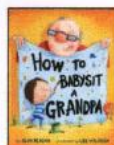
2. Goodnight Moon

Margaret Wise Brown, Clement Hurd (Illus.), Harper, \$8.99



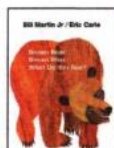
3. Where the Wild Things Are

Maurice Sendak, Harper, \$17.95



4. The Duckling Gets a Cookie!?

Mo Willems, Hyperion, \$15.99



5. Ladybug Girl and Bingo

Jacky Davis, David Soman (Illus.), Dial, \$16.99

6. The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Eric Carle, Putnam, \$10.99

7. I Want My Hat Back

Jon Klassen, Candlewick, \$15.99

8. Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site

Sherri Duskey Rinker, Tom Lichtenheld (Illus.), Chronicle, \$16.99

9. Pat the Bunny

Dorothy Kunhardt, Golden, \$9.99

10. Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons

Eric Litwin, James Dean (Illus.), Harper, \$16.99

11. Make Way for Ducklings

Robert McCloskey, Puffin, \$7.99

12. How to Babysit a Grandpa

Jean Reagan, Lee Wildish (Illus.), Knopf, \$16.99

13. Press Here

Herve Tullet, Chronicle, \$15.99

14. Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

Bill Martin, Eric Carle (Illus.), Holt, \$7.95

15. The Lorax

Dr. Seuss, Random House, \$14.95

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THIS WEEK	PICTURE BOOKS	WEEKS ON LIST
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2	STEAM TRAIN, DREAM TRAIN, by Sherri Duskey Rinker and Tom Lichtenheld. (Chronicle) Animal workers load freight. (Ages 3 to 7)	9
3	A BIG GUY TOOK MY BALL! , by Mo Willems. (Disney-Hyperion) Someone stole Piggie's ball. That is not right. (Ages 4 to 8)	4
4	POEMS TO LEARN BY HEART, by Caroline Kennedy. Illustrated by Jon J Muth. (Disney-Hyperion) A collection covering the range of human experience and imagination. (All ages)	12
5	THIS IS NOT MY HAT, by Jon Klassen. (Candlewick) A fish will probably get away with a stolen item. Probably. (Ages 4 to 8)	34
6	PRESS HERE, by Hervé Tullet. (Handprint/Chronicle) A whimsical dance of color and motion, at the touch of a finger. (Ages 4 to 8)	96
7	PETE THE CAT: I LOVE MY WHITE SHOES, by Eric Litwin. Illustrated by James Dean. (Harper/HarperCollins) Well-shod Pete. (Ages 3 to 7)	62
8	HOW TO BABYSIT A GRANDPA, by Jean Reagan. Illustrated by Lee Wildish. (Knopf) Taking care of your charge; snack ideas included. (Ages 4 to 8)	1
9	THE DARK, by Lemony Snicket. Illustrated by Jon Klassen. (Little, Brown) Laszlo overcomes his fear. (Ages 3 to 7)	9
10	BECAUSE I'M YOUR DAD, by Ahmet Zappa. Illustrated by Dan Santat. (Disney-Hyperion) A monster and his son play, burp and eat spaghetti for breakfast. (Ages 3 to 7)	1

How to Surprise a DAD

From the creators
of the *New York*
Times bestseller
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A GRANDPA



BY JEAN REAGAN

ILLUSTRATED BY LEE WILDISH







Errands are fun, until . . .
you end up in a loooooooooong line.

If your mom starts to
get a little cranky . . .

Surprise her with
a snack and toy.

If that doesn't work . . .
act out a goofy story.

If that *still* doesn't work, try saying,
in a very cheerful voice, "Thank you so
much, Sweet Pea, for being so patient."

HOW TO GET YOUR TEACHER READY

A Great
How to...
book!



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