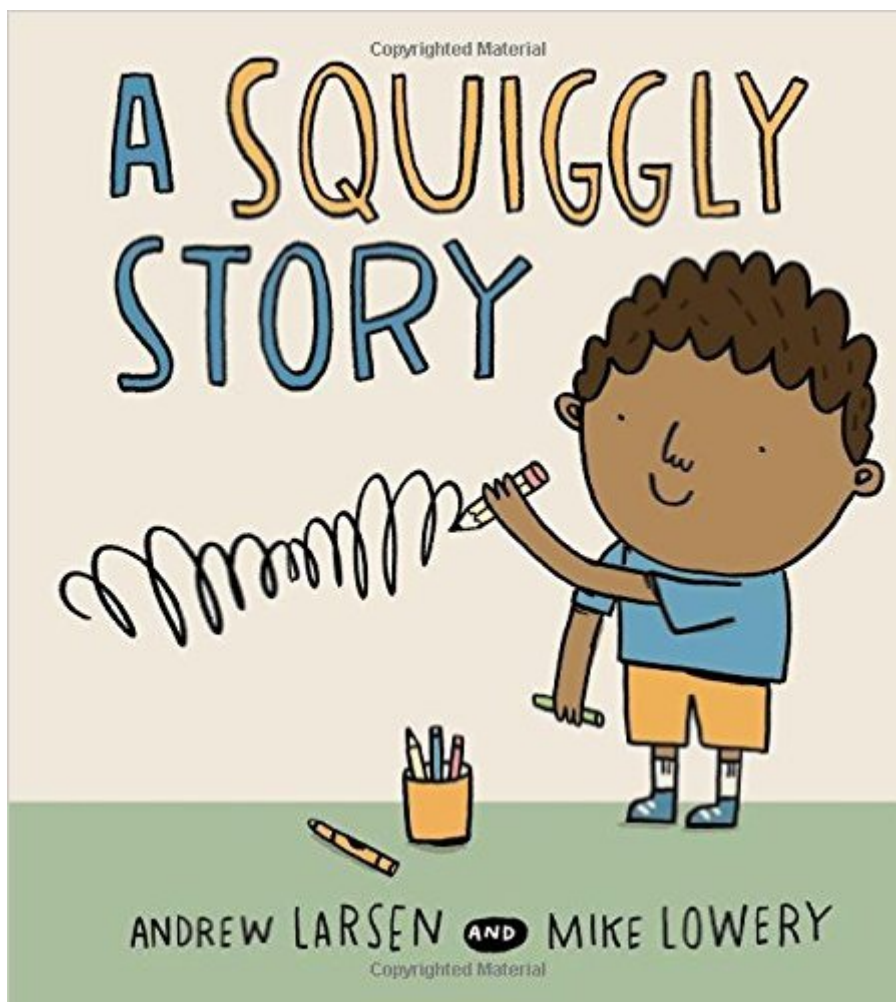


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# A Squiggly Story



## Synopsis

A young boy wants to write a story, just like his big sister. But there's a problem, he tells her. Though he knows his letters, he doesn't know many words. "Every story starts with a single word and every word starts with a single letter," his sister explains patiently. "Why don't you start there, with a letter?" So the boy tries. He writes a letter. An easy letter. The letter I. And from that one skinny letter, the story grows, and the little boy discovers that all of us, including him, have what we need to write our own perfect story. This picture book from award-winning author Andrew Larsen playfully and imaginatively explores a young child's process of learning to express himself. It promotes the idea that stories are available for everyone to tell, whatever way we can, and will inspire pre-readers to try writing stories of their own. The lively, fun illustrations by Mike Lowery incorporate story panels with dialogue bubbles, adding visual texture. Also helpful, the boy's story is shown both as he actually writes it --- with just a few letters, some punctuation marks and typographical symbols --- and as he imagines it. Celebrating self-expression, self-discovery and imagination, this book would enhance an early language arts lesson on writing, particularly on the parts of a story. It beautifully highlights the exciting worlds that are opened up when children begin to read and write. In a sweet touch, the boy and his sister model a close and supportive sibling relationship.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

A Squiggly Story is a book about writing. A little boy sees his sister reading and writing stories all the time, and he wants to write a story too, but he doesn't know how. His sister tells him that it's easy. Stories are made of words, and words are made of letters, so just start with a letter. He does. And then she prompts, "What happens next?" The story continues this way with the sister, the teacher, or his classmates continuing to prompt him. The result is a fun story made of individual letters and squiggly lines. I love that this book is encouraging kids to write their own stories. My son had to do a lot of writing in kindergarten last year, and they started with pictures and single words or simple sentences, whatever the kids were able to do. But they were able to put together some fun stories even at that level. Reading books with young children encourages a lifetime of reading, but we don't always talk about the writing of stories. I used to tell verbal bedtime stories to my son when he was much younger, and I always hated it because it's hard to come up with ideas. But stories don't have to be long. And they don't have to be profound. This book is one that will help build a lifetime interest in storytelling and writing. I highly recommend it to parents and teachers working with children ages 4-6.(...)

LOVE this book! Honors children at all stages of writing!

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