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Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion

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Book Review

Title: Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion

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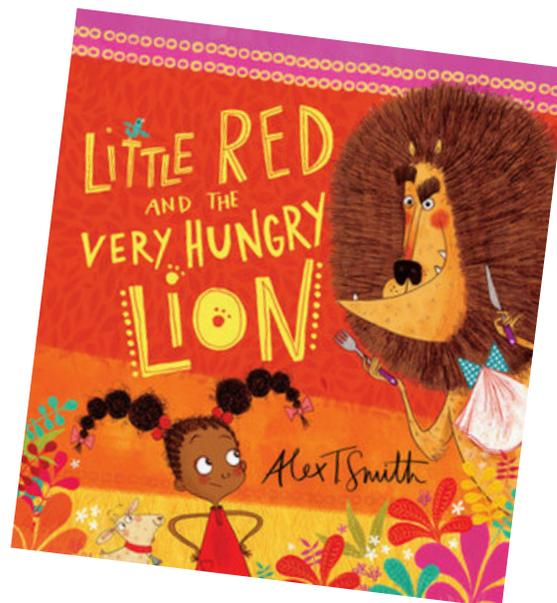
Publication Year: 2016

ISBN: 9780545914383

Number of Pages: 32

Interest Level: Preschool

Rating: Outstanding



Review

In an African twist to the classic Little Red Riding Hood tale, Little Red has to travel through the safari to bring her Aunt Rosie spot medicine. She passes by a wide variety of safari animals until she encounters a Very Hungry Lion. When he decides to dress up as Aunt Rosie so he can eat Little Red, the little girl knows exactly what's going on and decides to teach the lion an important lesson. She makes him fix up his hair, brush his teeth, and wear much better clothes until finally the Lion learns his lesson and decides to be nice.

The characters are funny, with little details like the Very Hungry Lion's "My Very Clever Plan" to eat Little Red and Aunt Rosie. The safari twist is fun and can help teach small children the names of animals. The illustrations are bright and colorful, and the main character being a smart and capable African girl makes the book an excellent addition for readers looking to diversify their library of picture books. This new take on Little Red Riding Hood follows the same basic structure of the tale that it's easy to follow, but the new setting and the sweet humor of the book will make it a classic in its own right.