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# Stick and Stone

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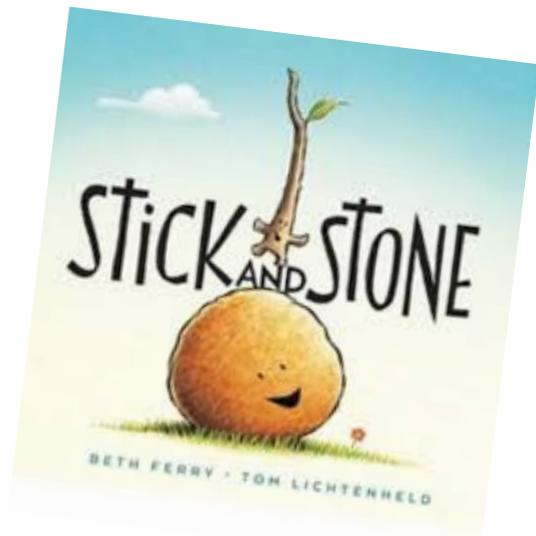
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# Book Review

**Title:** Stick and Stone  
**Author:** Beth Ferry  
**Illustrator:** Tom Lichtenheld  
**Reviewer:** Abigail Packard  
**Publisher:** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt  
**Publication Year:** 2015  
**ISBN:** 9780544032569  
**Number of Pages:** 48  
**Interest Level:** Toddler, Preschool, Primary  
**Rating:** Dependable



## Review

Stick and Stone is a sweet story about an unexpected friendship between a stick and a stone. At first Stick and Stone are alone but then they meet on a playground and become fast friends. But then trials and challenges hit in the form of a mocking pinecone that makes fun of Stone and a hurricane that blows Stick away. However, Stick and Stone stick up for each other (pun intended) because friendship rocks (another intended pun).

Beth Ferry's writing is clever as she plays with the words stick and stone, the shapes of these two friends, and the childhood rhyme "sticks and stones can break my bones but words can never hurt me." Ferry rhymes much of the book making the words flow well. However, the two different trials that the two friends face (the mocking pinecone and the hurricane) are very different and detract from what could have been a very clever lesson on friendship and ignoring the mockery of others. Tom Lichtenheld's illustrations are adorable and really enhance the writing in a very focused, minimalistic yet colorful way. Overall, a very sweet story that would be a great addition to any library or personal collection.