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# Extra Yarn

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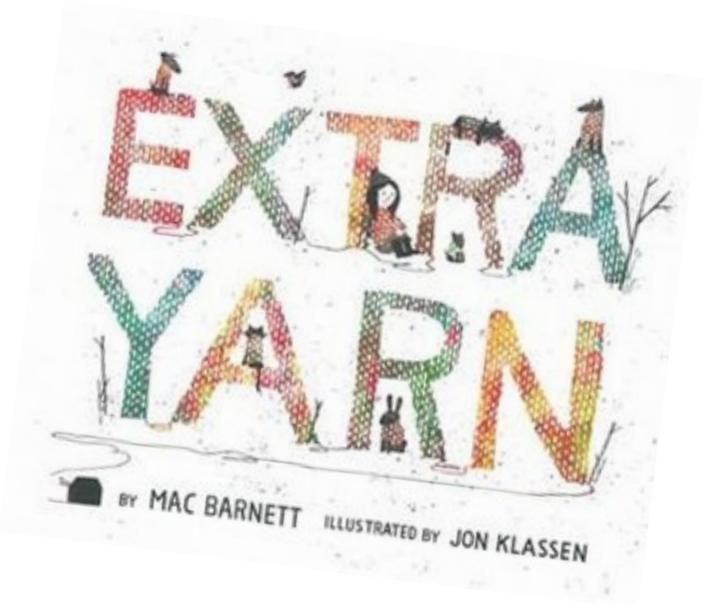
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# Book Review

**Title:** Extra Yarn  
**Author:** Mac Barnett  
**Illustrator:** Jon Klassen  
**Reviewer:** Kristie Hinckley  
**Publisher:** HarperCollins Publishers  
**Publication Year:** 2012  
**ISBN:** 9760061953385  
**Number of Pages:** 40  
**Interest Level:** Preschool, Primary  
**Rating:** Outstanding



## Review

One girl has the power to change an entire community. In *Extra Yarn* by Mac Barnett, a girl finds a box filled with an endless skein of yarn and makes sweaters for everyone and everything she comes across, until the box is stolen. The evil archduke who had the box stolen is delighted to see that the little girl can't spread goodness anymore. He says that she will never be happy again, but the box is returned to her and she is happy in the end. Readers will learn that no one can take away your happiness or your power to do good.

You will recognize a few of Jon Klassen's illustrated characters from *I Want My Hat Back* in *Extra Yarn*. The contrast of black and white, with touches of color creates a powerful representation of good versus evil on each page. Jon Klassen's classic touch of speckles and virtually edited drawings make this uplifting book another one to add to your collection of Jon Klassen classics! There are unique parts of the story included in both the text and the illustrations, which makes for a multi-faceted story when they come together. A subtle moral, but outstanding delivery by both Barnett and Klassen.