Tad and Dad

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Review

Tad’s Dad is great and teaches Tad how to swim, sing, catch flies, and jump. But when it is time for bed, Tad always follows Dad into his bed so Dad won’t miss him. But Dad has had enough of Tad’s wiggling and poking in his sleep, so Tad goes to sleep by himself. A few minutes later a frustrated Dad appears; he couldn’t sleep without Tad!

This is a charming story about a father-son relationship. It shows how boys want to be like their dads and how much they BOTH need each other. The story is clever and fun with short, simple language. The illustrations are very unique. The illustrator, David Stein, uses a wide variety of mediums including Crayola markers, multiple layers of water color, and crayon. His style is expressive, colorful, and extremely well done. This book truly captures the job of fatherhood and would be great for Father’s Day!