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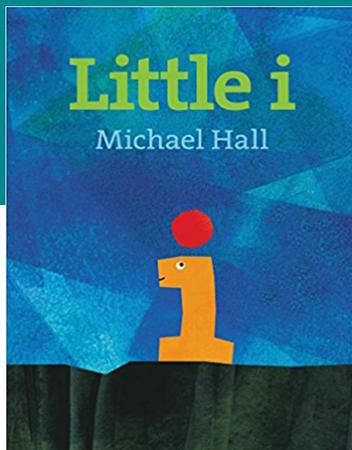
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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

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Preschool

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48

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When Little i's dot falls off and rolls down a hill into the sea, his fellow letters can't believe it. Little i sails across the sea to find his missing dot and, after weeks of travel, lands on an island. On this island, he navigates through a cave with sparkling gems on the walls (shaped as asterisks), a hyphen bridge, and an exclamation point waterfall that is "very, very loud!" Soon, Little i finds the missing dot, but now the dot feels awkward, and Little i has grown to like being without it, so he leaves it behind. When he arrives home, he has changed and grown into Big I, and the entire alphabet cheers.

This is a delightful read for those who like to play with word choice and punctuation, though many of the punctuation references are rather elusive and designed more for the adult audience. This book offers a fun and educational opportunity to introduce punctuation marks and their functions to children by showing how they are used in Little i's adventure. However, none of the punctuation marks are used by name in the text, merely through clever illustration, and thus it requires an engaging deliverer to explain the references. The story itself, with its bold illustrations, will be fun for preschool readers regardless of how well they recognize the punctuation references, and ends with a sweet message about change and growth.