At the Supermarket

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A little boy and his mother go to the grocery store for a special reason. They go through the store’s various sections, picking out things such as meat, vegetables, and soap. The little boy shares what he likes best and what his mother always buys. After putting what they need in the cart, he reminds his mother what they cannot forget to buy. It’s his birthday tomorrow and they must get ingredients for the cake! Flour, sugar, and other necessary items are put in the cart. He waits patiently while the groceries are purchased and then after putting them away at home, he finally gets to bake a cake with his mother for his birthday celebration.

This board book could be a fun way to introduce different food and explain grocery shopping to your toddler. The little boy picks out meat, fruit, and vegetables, but he also mentions the sliding doors, dairy case, and large shelves of cans and boxes. The little boy also explains that his mother pays and that they need to put the groceries away. The short fourteen pages address every step of grocery shopping. The illustrations are bright and the color palette suits the story. While the illustrator’s style suits food items and the store itself, the people (specifically their faces) look a little sloppy. Overall, a dependable look at what grocery shopping is like with the excitement of birthday cake at the end.