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# The Itchy Book

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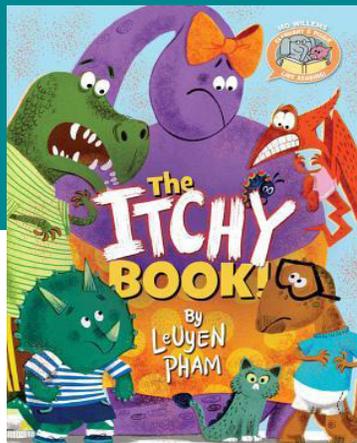
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## Book Review

### The Itchy Book

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#### Rating

Excellent

#### Level

Preschool, Primary

A turtle rests in front of a sign that says, “Dinosaurs do not itch.” He greets a dinosaur who reads the sign and wonders at it but takes it to be true. Soon his friend, a triceratops comes by with an itch that she wants to scratch. The first dinosaur shows her the sign. Several more dinosaurs read the sign and all of them struggle not to itch. The first dinosaur decides to prove that they do not need to itch. They try everything to make him itch. Finally the turtle wakes up and moves. Now the sign says, “Dinosaurs do not itch ALONE.” There is a very satisfying page of dinosaurs scratching together.

This silly picture book, illustrated with goofy dinosaurs in bright cheery colors, puts the written word to the test. Is something so, just because it is written in stone? The theme of this story asks readers to question the written word and to challenge what may or may not be true in what is seen and what is heard. This is a good lesson for all ages in a digital world where anyone can say anything and even pictures can be doctored into false reality. This would be a great book for opening a discussion on when to question the veracity of any statement one may come across.

#### Pages

64

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Disney-Hyperion

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