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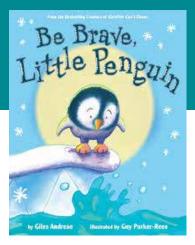
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Rating Excellent

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29

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Book Review Be Brave, Little Penguin

Pip-Pip is the smallest of all the penguins, and he plays alone because he is too afraid of the water to swim with his friends. What if it's freezing cold, or full of monsters? What if he can't swim? Pip-Pip's mommy tries to teach him to think of his fears differently, after all, the water might also be light and warm and full of treats. Finally, Pip-Pip decides to be brave, and even though he's scared, he jumps! It turns out that his mommy was right, and Pip-Pip loves the water after all.

Be Brave, Little Penguin is a fun book with an encouraging message about taking chances and facing fears. Little Pip-Pip's anxiety about water is relatable for children with similar fears, and seeing him decide to be brave and discover a new thing to love is a great lesson for those hoping to face their own fears. The illustrations are simple and cheerful, with bright colors, several types of penguins, and a very cute little hero. This is a great story for all young children, but most especially for those who need a little help to be brave.