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Book Review

Little Helpers: Animals on the Job



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Rating

Outstanding

Level

Toddler, Preschool,
Primary

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32

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There are helpers all around us, sometimes taking the form of teachers and parents. Sometimes, a helper could be a trusted friend you look up to. But sometimes, rather than looking up, you've got to look down to spot a little helper! This book gives children a look into the world of service and therapy animals. The book illustrates and explains some common and some unexpected animals that help their owners with a variety of things, ranging from shyness to low blood pressure to blindness. This picture book tells readers about the importance of animal helpers in our world and encourages us all to be helpers in whatever way we can.

Little Helpers: Animals on the Job is equal parts informative and adorable. The minimalist yet darling illustrations depict animals of all sorts helping people with their unique talents. The artwork is fairly monochromatic, starring a bright yellow hue that keeps the book light rather than dwelling on negative aspects of disease, hospitalization, and other situations the highlighted little helpers are involved in. The book does a great job of explaining things in a simple way that children can understand. The back of the book provides more in-depth information on each of these animals, which is a great tool for helping children understand various illnesses and conditions. This book will help children foster an appreciation for animals and what they can do while simultaneously reinforcing the value of helping those around us.