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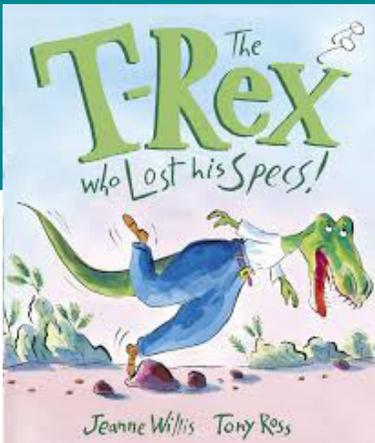
Book Review

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Author
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Illustrator
Tony Ross

Reviewer
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Rating
Outstanding

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Toddler, Preschool

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32

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After T-Rex misplaces his eyeglasses, he encounters a string of unfortunate yet silly events resulting from his poor eyesight. From a run-in with an owl that T-Rex accidentally uses as a bath towel to his mistaking of a pterosaur for a kit, T-Rex's nearsightedness causes him all sorts of problems that he doesn't even realize. At last, T-Rex's friends help him find his glasses, but alas, he loses them again, resulting in yet another silly mistake.

The T-Rex Who Lost His Specs is a delightfully humorous rhyming adventure. Each problem is introduced on the right-hand page of the spread and is interrupted by an ellipse, making every page turn suspenseful and exciting. Because the author, Jeanne Willis, is a native of Britain, there are two words that children may be unfamiliar with (basin and kippers), but the meaning of these words is easily explained through the illustrations. Overall, this book is a charming story that will quickly become a favorite read for preschoolers and young children.