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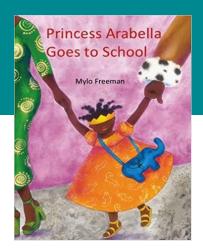
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Book Review Princess Arabella Goes to School

It is the first day of school for Princess Arabella and she is too excited to pay close attention to her parents before joining her classmates. Rather than listen to her teacher, Arabella chooses to do things her own way. By the end of the day, she is worn out and wondering if she is cut out for this school thing. When her teacher suggests the students bring their favorite animals to school tomorrow, that was all Arabella needed to hear. The next day was made better by the visiting animals, and especially by Arabella's elephant!

This book is quirky and entertaining. Children will love pointing out when Arabella makes a mistake or doesn't listen to her teacher. However, all seems to be forgotten when the children bring their animals to school for show and share. The book could have addressed Arabella's desire to stand out amongst her classmates by doing things differently or dove into the benefits of listening to parents and teachers. Instead, the animals at the end seemed a simple end to what could have been a more powerful story. Even so, children will love the shock of seeing an elephant in the classroom and can relate to Princess Arabella on her first day of school.