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The Big Ideas of Buster Bickles

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Buster has many great, big ideas. But his peers think they are all silly ideas and laugh at him. Buster’s mom wants to help Buster, so she takes him to see his Uncle Roswell. Uncle Roswell needs Buster to help him out by coming up with some ideas for his What-If Machine. Buster has plenty of ideas to try, and they keep getting bigger and bigger. Then the ideas get too big, and Buster creates an idea to have the What-If Machine bring them back to reality. Buster and Uncle Roswell are so happy to be back. Buster even has Uncle Roswell bring the What-If Machine to his show and tell, and none of his peers laugh at him because they think it is so cool.

It is very easy to connect with the Buster Bickles character in the book. Buster has some crazy ideas, but they just showcase his amazing imagination. This book is a great example of the reading strategy problem and solution. Buster has a problem that he needs to solve, along with Uncle Roswell. The story also takes you on an adventure of actually exploring the “what-ifs.” The illustrations are absolutely amazing and help keep young readers engaged while the story is being read aloud. In the illustrations, there are many fine details that are fun to look at. Overall, this is a fun book that readers can connect to easily.