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Pencil: A Story With A Point

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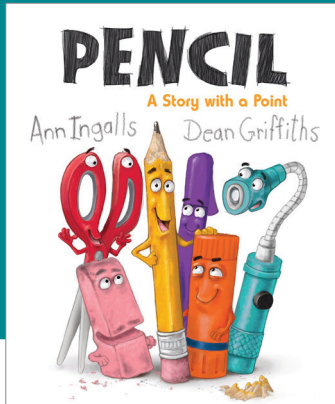
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Book Review

Pencil: A Story With A Point

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Toddler, Preschool,
Primary

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Jackson and Pencil are best buds. They draw, pretend, imagine, and play together until Jackson gets Tablet. Tablet can send messages, play movies, and draw in color. Replaced by the cool, new device, Pencil finds himself in the junk drawer along with all the other lost and forgotten office supplies. Despite his efforts, he cannot capture Jackson's attention until he teams up with his newfound friends to create a fun activity for Jackson and Pencil to do together.

Pencil: A Story with a Point celebrates imagination, friendship, and working together. One of the major themes of the book is the value and benefit of collaborative work. Another theme is that technology is no substitute for creative play. The text is clever with kid-friendly puns throughout. The graphics are eye-catching and colorful, making this a great book for children ages three to eight. For adults, this book prompts conversation about technology and its role in children's lives.