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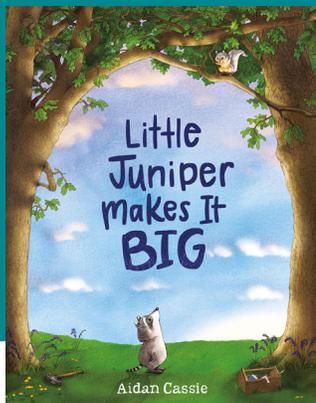
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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Preschool

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Farrar, Straus and
Giroux

Juniper is a raccoon, and she's so small that it often causes problems. She is tired of never being able to see at theaters or reach the last cookie in the jar. One day, Juniper devises a plan with lots of different contraptions to help her become taller, but each fails disastrously. She doesn't feel small compared to her tiniest friend at school, so she decides to learn more about how to become "un-small." At her friend's little house, Juniper finally realizes that maybe being small isn't such a bad thing at all.

The illustrations are so charming, as Juniper is portrayed with little soggy ears and a chubby belly. The illustrations tell portions of the story that the text does not. For example, in one picture Juniper is trying to open the toilet seat, and in a little picture in the corner you see a soggy little raccoon stomping away. Even the inside covers are full of images of fun contraptions that the little raccoon created. The illustrations also do a great job of depicting emotions with the placement of the characters' eyes and ears. Juniper expresses common childhood emotions. For example, when her mom says that she's growing more every day, Juniper is upset when she hasn't grown three days later. The overall themes of the book, including perspective and being happy with who you are, are great for children who have a hard time waiting to grow up.