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Mom, It's My First Day Of Kindergarten!

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Book Review

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Review

Mom! I’m ready to start kindergarten, are you? This book is told in the perspective of a 5 year old boy. He is so excited to start kindergarten and can’t wait to get out the door. Mom, on the other hand, is dragging her feet and worrying. But school is just the place where this “big boy” wants to be. He walks right up to the school and makes a new friend, and wouldn’t you know it Mom makes a new friend too. Suddenly they find the classroom and Mom is ready but the boy isn’t. He soon decides he is ready and has a wonderful day. The story ends with the 5 year old boy asking his worried mom if he can take the school bus tomorrow.

What a treasure! This book hits home for all those parents who are (and are not) ready to send their baby away to kindergarten. The worries Mom faces, like packing all the supplies and arriving on time to school, are concerns that every new kindergarten parent must feel. The illustrations are somewhat abstract showing Mom and the boy small and gray when they are worried and big and bright when they are confident. The way the illustrations are used to tell the story make this book fun to read and discuss with your preschooler. The highlight of the book is when the boy declares, “I am ready for kindergarten! I’ve been waiting all summer. I’m five. It’s time for me to go to the big kid’s school.” What a perfect book to get your child excited about kindergarten.