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Author Statement

The goal of this project is to make a book appealing and accessible for children with all ranges of abilities. In my book I tried to portray a character with disabilities the same way that characters with typical development are portrayed in children's books. This book is about a girl with motor impairments, however, the story doesn't mention this. I used the idea of person first language, and decided to talk only about the girl instead of focusing on her motor abilities. In addition, I decided to add a few features that make the book more accessible; I decided to use a black background so children with vision impairment can identify the shapes better, I also used a lot of texture so blind children can feel some objects in the book, and I added 3D images so the pages are easy to manage without the need of fine motor skills. The idea of this book being accessible is so the largest number of children can enjoy it, therefore, this book is to be read to children while including some ASL. Furthermore, at the end of the book there is an ASL vocabulary so the children have another tool to make society a little more accessible for everyone. Hope you enjoy it!