

# LORGNETTE

Quarterly Review of Children's and Young Adults' Books

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## Illustrator

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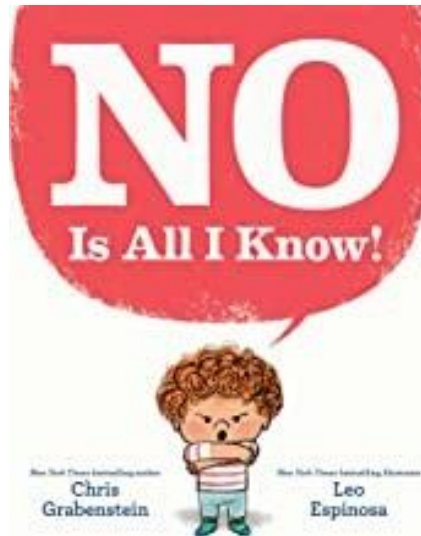
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## Classification

Fiction

## Grade level

PreK-1



## Book Review: NO IS ALL I KNOW!

Toddler-sized Oliver always says, "No!" no matter what anyone asks him. He refuses to eat his meals, except for macaroni and cheese; he won't clean his room; and he won't swing on the swings at the park. His response gets louder until it echoes through the house while his frazzled parents try to cope. Oliver automatically says no to so many things that it becomes habitual, even when fun things present themselves, like enjoying ice cream, playing with puzzles, or having a story read to him at bedtime. When his cousin Jess comes over, Jess says "yes" for both of them before Oliver can react. Jess's "Yes!" is stronger than Oliver's "No", and Oliver discovers the fun of accepting new games, new food, and new friends.

Grabenstein is no stranger to toddler stories, beginning with No More Naps! and later the Lemoncello series for children. Illustrator Espinosa has the facial expressions down pat. Every parent and kid will recognize the look on Oliver's face as he crosses his arms, lowers his eyebrows, and issues his familiar word. The story hits the right note of resolution as Oliver realizes that an attitude of "yes" is a lot more fun.

