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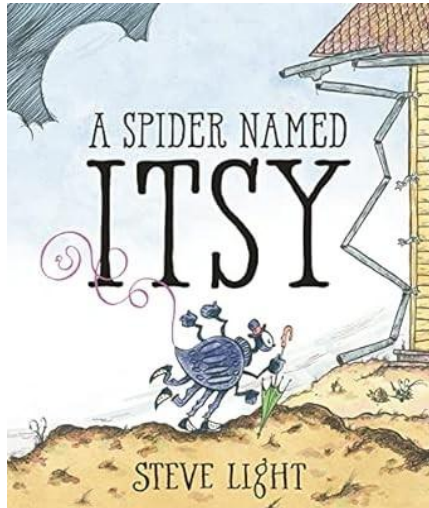
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Fiction

Grade Level

PreK-2



Book Review: SPIDER NAMED ITSY, A

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Have you ever thought about how the Itsy Bitsy Spider ended up climbing that waterspout? Now you can find out. Light tells us about how Itsy ends up at the top of that waterspout only to be knocked down by the rain. His story begins with Itsy having dinner one evening. A branch drops on his web, knocking him to the ground. Now what is he to do? Itsy discovers a new place, but the trek up there is difficult. He battles weather, other travelers' mishaps, and the process of starting all over. In the end, he finds his way to the top with a group of new friends.

This is a unique take on the lovable children's nursery rhyme. The images show what it means to go up a waterspout, have the rain come down, and cope with all that comes afterwards. Looking at this from the spider's perspective shows the perseverance needed when we encounter struggles of our own. Allow children to experience this extended version with a visual life lesson as the artwork takes the reader along for the ride up the waterspout.

