

Adventures in Mud

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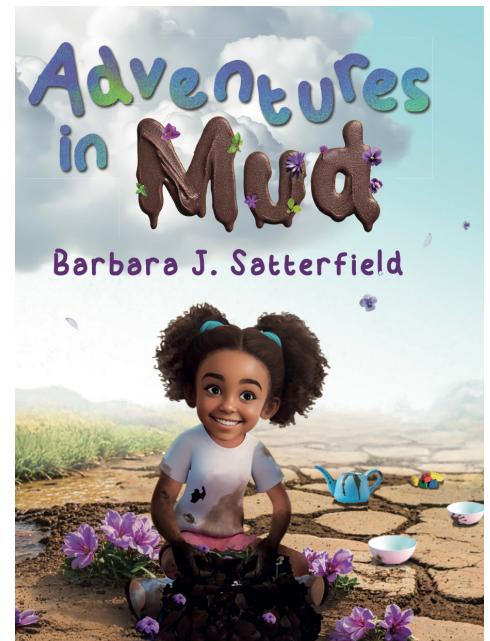
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Little Lorie sets out on a backyard adventure to create a birthday cake—for her puppy, Pepper. She builds the perfect mud cake, decadently crafted from birdbath water, flowers, and leaves. As the August sun beats down, things get perfectly muddy and magical. But just when everything seems perfect for Pepper’s party... one unexpected event crashes Lorie’s creation.

Adventures in Mud is a heartwarming, humorous tale that celebrates how children can see the extraordinary in the ordinary. With a little imagination, even a pile of dirt becomes something beautiful and teachable. This delightful story reminds us all—sometimes the best adventures are the messiest ones. Lorie’s adventure allows all readers to see the creative possibilities in simple things. Children learn messes are a part of learning and see how joy can come from the process and not always the outcome.

Teachable Moments: Subtle moments in the story align with Next Generation Science Standards (“NGSS”) around exploring the natural world and developing curiosity through play. *STEAM* topics may be gleaned as children can observe how materials change when mixed, heated (by the sun), or left out to dry. In the story, Lorie mixes dirt (solid) and water (liquid) to make mud. Over time, the sun dries the mud, turning it back into a more solid state. Additional teachable moments include concepts of evaporation and the effect of sunlight on moisture.

Trade Notes: The book is 8.25” x 10.75” and 41 pages of colorful images. Analysis by *Renaissance Accelerated Learning Readability* calculated the book’s reading level appropriate for grades 3 given the average word count (1,080 words), average word length (4.2) and average sentence length (9.3), language is English and Average Text Organization Score (“ATOS”) confirmation number is: 2953818. The *Cathoven’s Catile Analyzer* scored the book is appropriate for ages 7-9 with complexity for grades 2-3.

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