

3309 Stinson, Kathy. *Big or Little?* Illus. by Robin Baird Lewis. Toronto: ~~Annick Press, 1983~~, unpagged. illus. Annick Toddler Series. \$10.95; \$4.95pa. ISBN 0-920236-30-8; 0-920236-32-4pa.

The award-winning team of Kathy Stinson and Robin Baird Lewis have created another appealing pre-schooler. We are introduced first to his bare toes, and then to the rest of him. We learn that he feels big when he can tie his shoes, zip up his jeans, and button his shirt all by himself. He feels little when he can't reach the elevator button. When his aunt buys him bunny pajamas, it means that he is little; when they no longer come in his size, it means that he is big.

Stinson works with pre-schoolers and perfectly understands one of the central psychological issues of childhood: "Mostly I want to be big, but sometimes being little is pretty good too." Lewis's simple illustrations appealingly capture the mood of the story-line and the incredible range of expression that one can see in the face of any three-year-old. Let's hope for many more picture books from this gifted author-illustrator team.

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