
KIDS' CORNER

Those Green Things

**By Kathy Stinson,
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THOSE GREEN THINGS IS A GREAT BOOK to coax reluctant read-alouders into playing along.

The two characters, a curious little girl and her mother, each have their own styles of type to show their different voices. The repetitive questions and replies begin in a familiar way and then allow a challenge in the different items chosen for attention.

What are those green

things in my food, in my closet, in the garage? The endless questions are as familiar to parents as are the powers of childrens' imaginations to turn garbage bags of old clothes into lumpy, bumpy monsters and green socks in the laundry basket into lizards eating the T-shirts.

Author Kathy Stinson's words are perfectly matched with the topsy-turvy art work of Deirdre Betteridge, which captures the flavor of the busy mother's view on one page and, on the next, gives life to the little girl's imagination. *Those Green Things* are as good for giggles as grammar.

**Reviewed by
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