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Splat the Cat (Paperback Book)

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Splat the Cat By Rob Scotton

One of our favorite characters is back! Who better to help our little ones navigate transitions than Splat the Cat? This book is a wonderful way to introduce the concept of transitions and separating from our loved ones when we try something new like school. Ask the children if there is anything they worry about. Has anyone ever been worried about going to a new place such as a doctor's office or playground? Does it help to hide under your covers?

We watch as Splat thinks of many excuses to stay home from school, but each time his Mom calmly encourages him. How do we prepare for school, church or even to go to the store? Allow yourself to make silly voices and show your best "scared" face as you open the door and ride your bike to school. Point out to parents the way Splat's mom separates from him as he is welcomed to class. Mom gives a hug and always says, "I'll be back soon." What are some of the rituals or habits your families use when going to new places? Some may give high fives, hugs, kiss in a hand...some may say a phrase such as, "mommies always come back" or "daddy knows you can do this!"

How many friends greet Splat? You can point and count together if you have a younger crowd. How are the faces similar? How are they different? Can the children name some friends of their own?

This book has some great unusual words such as, "clever" and "cunning," so you might want to talk about what those words mean.

Does anyone remember who Splat placed in his lunchbox? Why might that be a problem?

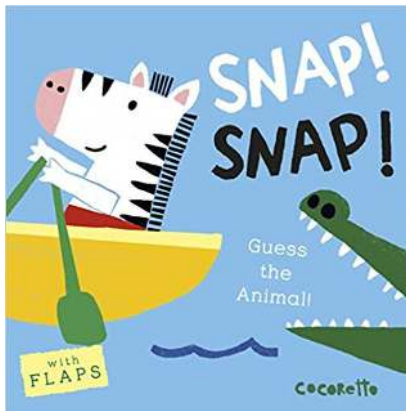
How does Splat's friend, mouse, solve a big problem? What do they think will happen next?

At the end of the day, Splat's mom returned just like she said she would!

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Snap! Snap!: Guess the Animal! (Board Book)

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By Child's Play and Cocoretto

Sturdy board books are perfect for little hands to carry! Pages are more easily turned and in this interactive book, flaps can be opened and closed as you enjoy the peek-a-boo type story. Think of this book more as a toy that can be manipulated with little hands and will bring much joy as you make silly noises and uncover surprises together.

Use your hands and body to make gestures, as you would while playing charades, to mimic the actions of many animals including alligators and snakes, and have your little one play a guessing game as they try to name the animal hidden behind the flap! Over time, your child will want to become the actor in this game, while you are given the opportunity to be surprised again and again with each page.

Although the pages feature simple images, you can still point to and name many unusual objects on the pages such as oars, binoculars, and a camera. Describe what you see on the pages and act surprised by the hidden animal when the flap is turned!

This book will become more fun with each encounter!