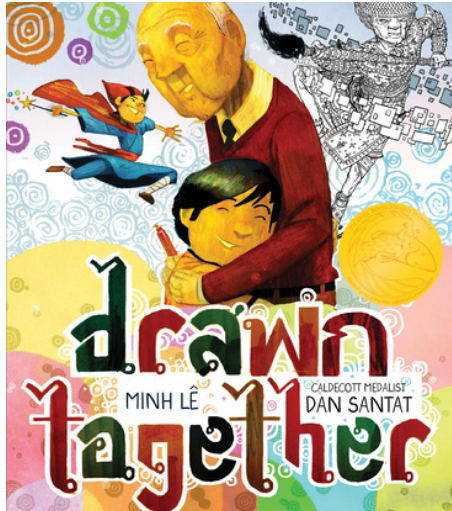


EARLY LITERACY ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

Recommended Age Group: Preschool



Book Highlight:

Drawn Together

By Minh Lê with illustrations by Dan Santat

When a young boy visits his grandfather, their lack of a common language leads to confusion, frustration, and silence. But as they sit down to draw together, something magical happens—with a shared love of art and storytelling, the two form a bond that goes beyond words.

Questions to Ask While Reading

Asking questions while reading is a great way to support your child's learning. Ask questions that draw your child's attention to details in the story, encourage your child to make predictions, help your child understand new words, and support your child in recognizing similarities and differences between the story and their life. Try these out to get started!

Birth - 3 Years Old

What is the boy doing?

Which food would you like to eat?

What do you think that big animal is?

Where is the dragon? Show me!

3 - 5 Years Old

Let's look closely at his face. How do you think he's feeling? Why might he be feeling that way?

Tell me about a time when it was hard to make friends with someone. What did you do?

How do you think the boy, his mom, and his grandfather are feeling at the end of the book? Why?

Activities to Keep Children Engaged



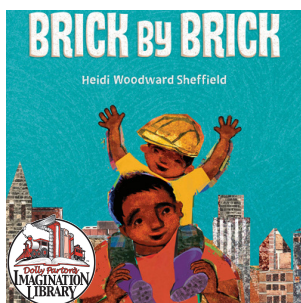
Scan to see a video of
Drawn Together being
read.

Foster a love of reading through fun activities!

- As you read, you will encounter a few pieces of text written in Thai. Brainstorm with your child about what the grandfather might be saying. Ask your child how they think the boy and his grandfather feel as they try to communicate. After reading the story, use the translations of the Thai text found on the title page to go back and re-read the short conversations between the boy and his grandfather. Does knowing what is being said change your child's thoughts about the boy and his grandfather?
- This book uses comic book style illustrations to tell the story in the place of words. Work with your child to create your own comic book style story. It could be about something simple, like your morning routine, or a fantastical story that you and your child make up together.
- Later in the book, you find illustrations that have been inspired by traditional Asian art. Explore the Asian Art Museum's virtual exhibits to learn more about Asian art; traditional and modern.



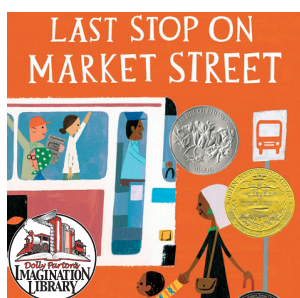
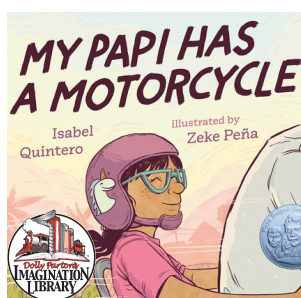
**If your child likes
this book, try these next!**



*"The seeds of dreams are
often found in books and
the seeds you help plant
in your community can
grow across the world."*
~ Dolly Parton

Reading tip!

Encourage your child to
narrate the story on the comic
book style pages. This is a fun
way to further develop your
child's storytelling and
comprehension
skills.



Don't receive books from Dolly Parton's
Imagination Library? Scan the code to
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new book each month!

For additional resources about reading with your child visit tnccr.org and click on 'Resources.'