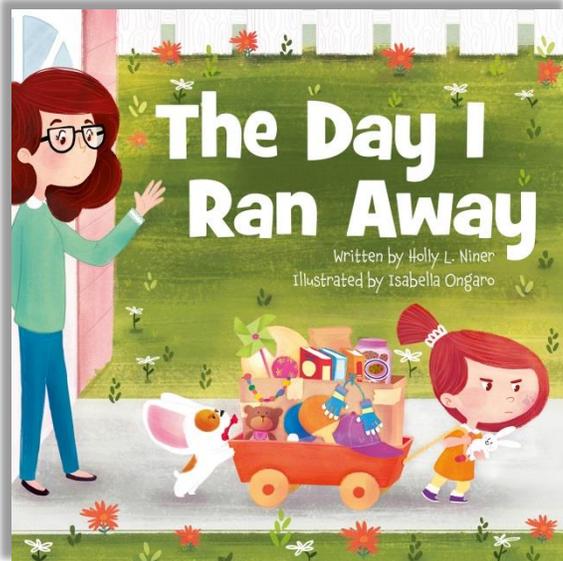


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“Guess What, Dad. Today I Ran Away.”

"A sweet story where running away leads Grace right where she needs to be."

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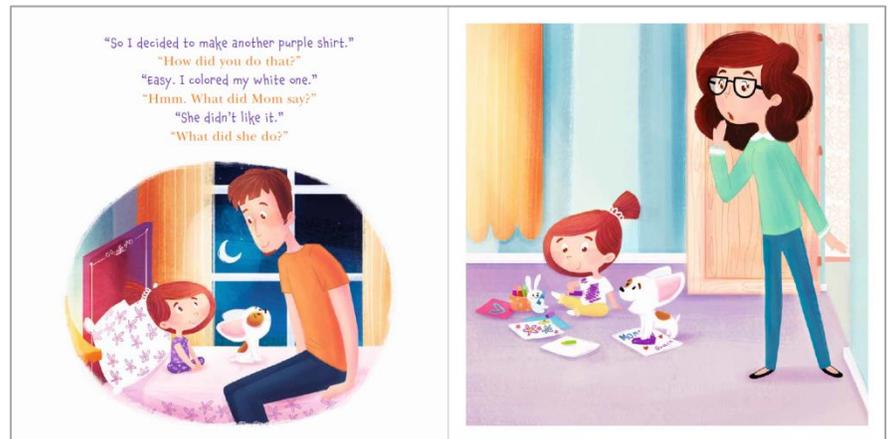


NEW YORK: While Dad tucks her in, Grace calmly tells him about her terrible day. Her favorite purple shirt was dirty, the Sugarific Toasted Squares were gone, and she was banished to her room after a tantrum. Her only option, she decided, was to run away.

As Grace and Daddy chat, the details of her daytime drama unfold: how Mom told Grace she'd miss her and packed her lunch to-go, how Grace got as far as the curb and remembered that she's not allowed to cross the street, and how Mom suggested that Grace run away to the pop-up tent in the yard. Which she did.

Grace's mom wisely gave her daughter the space and time she needed to reach her own decision to return home. Grace never went far, but felt as if she did. Daddy, for his part, is a great listener and a kid-friendly conversationalist. He sympathizes with Grace while helping her recognize that Mom was quite fair, and that Grace's own actions and reactions shaped the day.

The Day I Ran Away amusingly captures Grace's mutable moods and child-like logic, and introduces characters that young readers will care about and relate to. Digital paintings offer fun details to keep little listeners busy. Kids can mimic the facial expressions of Grace and her dog, and try to figure out how Grace got that purple paw-print on her cheek. They can copy her poses for some soothing bedtime yoga. And of course, they can create a safe place to run away to when the injustices of Pre-K existence become too much to bear.



Witty, wacky, and warm, *The Day I Ran Away* is perfect for storytime, bedtime, or anytime you feel like running away – a spirited reminder that home is where the hugs (and cookies) are.

Holly L. Niner grew up in Newburgh, NY, where on a bad day she would run away with a book to a swing under a willow tree. She is a speech therapist and the award-winning author of *I Can't Stop* and *Mr. Worry*. Holly lives in Fort Wayne, IN, and this is her third picture book.

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