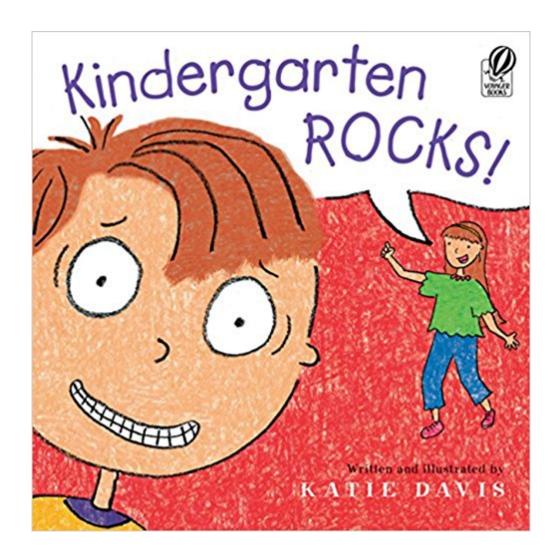


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# **Kindergarten Rocks!**





# **Synopsis**

Dexter already knows everything there is to know about kindergarten. His big sister, Jessie, told him all about it. So Dexter is not scared. Not even a little bit. But his stuffed dog, Rufus, is scared. Actually, heâ ™s terrified. But Dexter--er, Rufus--has nothing to fear: As heâ ™ll soon find out, kindergarten rocks!

## **Book Information**

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### Customer Reviews

Dexter Dugan is about to start kindergarten, and his stuffed dog, Rufus, "is an eensy teensy beensy bit scared" about it. Thankfully, Dex's third-grader sister, Jessie, sees that her brother is really the scared one and sets about cheerfully reassuring her sibling: "Don't worry, kindergarten rocks," says a cartoon bubble extending from Jessie. Dex's first-person narration maintains his false bravado. "I got Jessie to help me make a list of things Rufus was scared about. I'm not worried, though," reads the text, as Jessie busily writes at a desk, a flurry of papers swirling around her ("What if my teacher is mean?" reads one page, "What if I have to go #2?" reads another). The interplay of Dex's narrative, which addresses readers directly, and his cartoon-bubble exchanges with his sister

respectfully and humorously covers a new student's cornucopia of concerns. Davis's (Who Hoots?) colorfully crayoned illustrations maintain an upbeat tone, even when Dex loses Rufus in class. The buoyant vignettes of Dex enjoying himself at school will reassure even the most fearful of the pre-kindergarten set. Ages 4-6. (July) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

PreSchool-Kâ "According to Dexter, he is totally calm about starting kindergarten, but his stuffed dog, Rufus, is fearful about the bus finding the way to school, getting lunch, being tagged as the only one who can't read, and getting a mean teacher. (Dexter, of course, isn't worried about anything.) His big sister, Jessie, has prepared him well and offers him some smart advice: If Rufus gets scared, just give him a hug. Upon arriving, Dexter finds that his best friend from preschool is in his class. Among other activities, he gets to write letters, cook food, and play in the school's imagination station. The library has books to borrow, and the cafeteria is exactly almost like a restaurant. In fact, Dexter is having such a great time that he forgets about his stuffed friend until he realizes that Rufus is LOST! A succession of cartoon illustrations and speech bubbles follows the large-eyed child through his first day of school. A gentle, humorous read to calm the anxiety of younger students. Pair this appealing title with Alison McGhee's Countdown to Kindergarten (Harcourt, 2002).â "Mary Elam, Forman Elementary School, Plano, TX Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

This book was on my soon to be Kindergartner's summer reading list. My daughter is too excited about school to be nervous, but we had her read this book (rather than us reading it to her) and she loved it! .The book is great for emerging readers, though an adult will likely have to help them. This book also lends itself to the summer project we have to go with it - making finger puppets for the characters!!

Another great book for kids approaching a new school or school for the first time. The child assigns his fears and concerns to his stuffed toy making it easier to talk about them. Good opportunities for parent/child discussions about first time or new school situations. Encourages facing new challenges or unfamiliar circumstances with an attitude that looks for a positive outcome.

This was so helpful to prep my terrified 5 year old for Kindergarten. We read it pretty much every

day for weeks leading up to the big first day. It was great. She still references it!

Very great book for any child about to start kindergarten. I bought this for my nephew and he read it every day up until his first day of school. He even brought it in for show and tell!

I read it in my daycare, the kids loved the story

My children in kindergarten were very engaged throughout the book.

Really great transitional book for your kid moving from preschool to kindergarten!

Would definitely recommend for anyone who has a child going into or currently in Kindergarten.

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