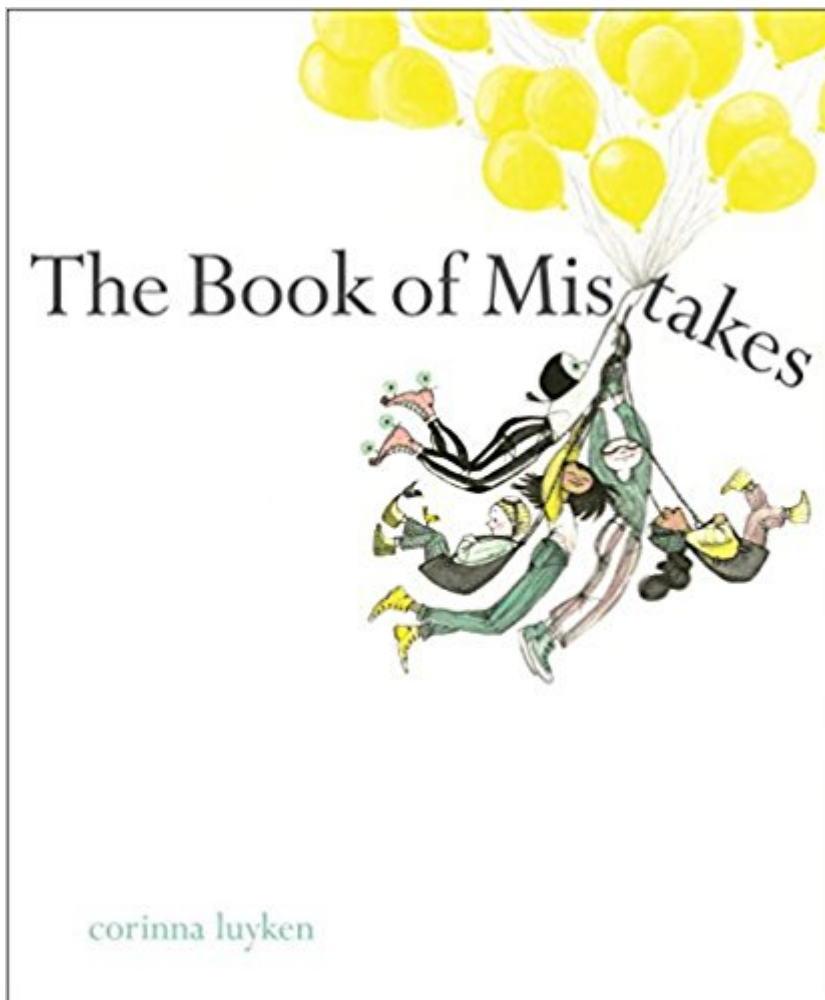


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# The Book Of Mistakes



## Synopsis

Zoom meets Beautiful Oops! in this memorable picture book debut about the creative process, and the way in which "mistakes" can blossom into inspiration. One eye was bigger than the other. That was a mistake. The weird frog-cat-cow thing? It made an excellent bush. And the inky smudges | they look as if they were always meant to be leaves floating gently across the sky. As one artist incorporates accidental splotches, spots, and misshapen things into her art, she transforms her piece in quirky and unexpected ways, taking readers on a journey through her process. Told in minimal, playful text, this story shows readers that even the biggest mistakes can be the source of the brightest ideas and that, at the end of the day, we are all works in progress, too. Fans of Peter Reynolds's Ish and Patrick McDonnell's A Perfectly Messed-Up Story will love the funny, poignant, completely unique storytelling of The Book of Mistakes. And, like Oh, The Places You'll Go!, it makes the perfect graduation gift, encouraging readers to have a positive outlook as they learn to face life's obstacles.

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## Customer Reviews

"A striking debut picture book celebrates the creative process. Careful looking will be rewarded with surprising, often funny details in the art, which invites poring over...It would be a grave mistake not to pick up this picture book."-Kirkus (starred review) "At once philosophical and imbued with adventurousness, this picture book lifts to the level of the sublime the idea of putting one's

slip-ups in perspective.â •â "The Wall Street Journal" Â "This will lead kids to see their own so-called mistakes in a new, more positive light."â "Booklist, starred reviewÂ \* "The idea of setbacks being opportunities in disguise is no stranger to picture book pages, but rarely has it been illuminated with such style, imagination, and compassion."â "Publishers Weekly, starred reviewÂ \* "A striking debut picture book celebrates the creative process...all rendered in a style and palette somewhat reminiscent of Erin E. Stead's work but distinctive in its own right"â "Kirkus Reviews, starred review" Mistakes in art--as in life--happen, and Luyken shows young readers in a glorious way how they often lead to bigger and better outcomes than anyone could imagine."--BookPageÂ "I will read this book to every group of students I teach for the rest of my career. ...This book is absolutely magical."--Colby Sharp, Nerdy Book Club "This beautiful book, which celebrates the imaginative, playful spirit of an artist letting mistakes guide her work, is more than just an embracing of the artistic process, both messy and lovely. It's also quite the odyssey, one that takes readers on unexpected paths, opening minds and perspectives."--Seven Impossible Things

A little spill could be a small mistake...or the start of a big idea. With playful text and stunning art, this deceptively simple story shows how the biggest blunders can spark the brightest inspiration. Â A celebration of creativity and exploration, The Book of Mistakes reminds readers of all ages that the way we look at the world, and ourselves, is always a work in progress.

My 7 year old daughter loved this book!

This book was read to several classes in our school and my 5th/ 6th graders loved it just as much as the kinders. It has a great message and the kids loved trying to guess what the mistakes would turn into next.

Beautiful book for children & adults. Made me tear up a little bit (in a good way). Would make a great gift!

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Very good

This book takes the reader on a journey from how an artist's mistake became a masterpiece. Fun,

whimsical, unique and creative. Every page is beautifully illustrated. A great book for any child, especially for one who loves to draw.

What a stunner this is! *The Book of Mistakes*, written and illustrated by newcomer Corrina Luyken, is a quiet masterpiece illuminating the inherent beauty that underlies every misstep we make. Even months after first reading this book, I still cannot quite believe this is Luyken's debut. She is, without a doubt, one to watch. And this book is, without a doubt, a favorite of 2017. In *The Book Of Mistakes*, the reader follows Luyken on a creative journey- one that exquisitely depicts how "mistakes" actually become an integral component of her illustrative process. Luyken's artistry is meant to be pored over and studied, with new, quirky details to be discovered each time the book is picked up for a reread. Though there are numerous books that touch upon opportunities arising from perceived errors, this one is as powerful as it is unassuming. So many kids are perfectionists, beginning a project again and again because they can't get it just right. So how can we, the "grown ups" help to nurture their creativity and limit their insecurity? Use *The Book of Mistakes* -- and perhaps even pair it with *A Beautiful Oops* by Barney Saltzberg -- to show little ones that magnificence can be found in mistakes, even our biggest ones. An "oh no" can become an "oh wow!" with just a bit of endurance and a whole lot of heart and imagination. Kids will be amazed at the manner in which Luyken's smudges and spills become extraordinarily special, and for this reason, it gets two hearty trunks up. This is one we will read again and again in our house... and I have no doubt *The Book of Mistakes* will be one my boys carry with them throughout their lives.

One mistake in the drawing of a girl leads to new choices and changes. Making one eye bigger than the other was a mistake, so was making the other eye even bigger, but the glasses were a good idea. Other mistakes are covered by elbow patches and a lacy collar. Strange animals are turned into nice rocks. The girl with the long leg looks good climbing the tree. The other girl needs roller skates to fix the spacing with the ground. On and on, the mistakes continue showing the artistic process when you incorporate mistakes into your work rather than giving up, creating something really special. Luyken demonstrates the way artists of all ages can use mistakes to inform their work rather than starting again or stopping altogether. The text is simple and funny, showing the frank acknowledgement of errors and then showing what good decisions can result out of the oops. The artistic process is on display here, inviting readers to explore their own artistic journeys. The art plays a central role of course and the art is wonderfully quirky as characters emerge with lanky limbs, big eyes, and helmets. As the story pulls back from the central character, there is an intricate

image filled with more children, fabric, ropes, ladders and balloons. The images pull back farther, showing even more of an inventive landscape in an unexpected place. Creative, inviting and a gorgeous book to explore, this picture book will have everyone trying art even if they make mistakes. Appropriate for ages 4-6.

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