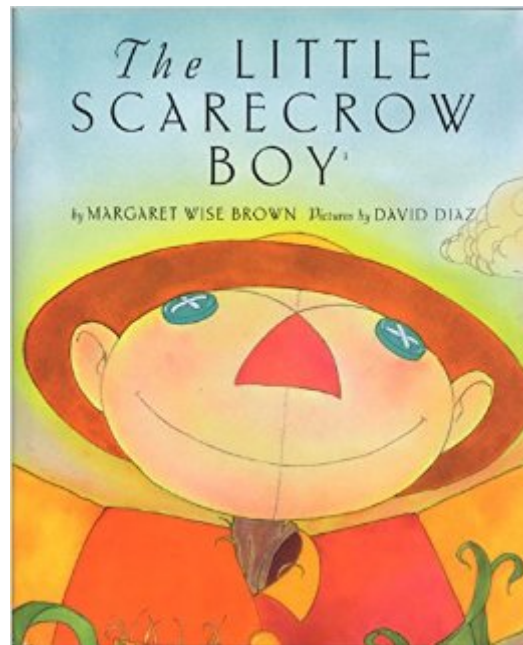


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# The Little Scarecrow Boy



## Synopsis

The Little Scarecrow Boy is the lightest and brightest picture book from one of the most renowned children's writers ever: Margaret Wise Brown, author of Goodnight Moon and The Runaway Bunny. Caldecott winner David Diaz's illustrations burst with sunshine, and Brown's words reveal the quiet glory of a boy on the brink of growing up, full of curiosity and life. Ages 3 to 7

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

"The Little Scarecrow Boy" is a good choice for a fall read in your classroom. It lends itself well to expansion curriculum projects. Lesson themes may include scarecrows, farming, family relationships, emotions, etc. The repetitive text is enjoyable and predictable. I have read it to both a 4-year-old and a 7-year-old class, they all loved it! The text is simple enough for a 7-year-old to read aloud as well. I also liked the fact that this book did not incorporate any "Halloween" themes.

I find the pictures of the scarecrows to be a little scary looking. The story is about a boy scarecrow who goes out into the cornfield against his father's wishes and gets in over his head. I didn't find the story heartwarming, fun or very interesting actually. My son who is presently 2 has no interest in it whatsoever. It's a dud.

I bought the book for my 4 yr old and 2 yr old they loved the pictures and the story. I bought used and you can't tell, it shipped fast and came on time. I also found free activities to go along with the book and it made it really fun.

The little scarecrow boy is told over and over he is too little to scare the crows but proves that he can. I think there is a good lesson for children about trying your best. However, the boy sneaks out without his parents' permission, and nearly fails. I would not want my children to think that sneaking out to prove a point over something I have already forbidden would be alright. While reading this story be ready for those types of questions.

This is a sweet story about a boy who wants to be just like his dad. He soon finds out he should be careful what he wishes for. I used it to teach character development with my Kinders during our scarecrow theme.

This gentle tale of the value of perseverance is in the best Margaret Wise Brown tradition. Without talking down to young children, she manages to convey the importance of stick-to-itiveness and the great love a young scarecrow boy has for his father. Trying the best he can to live up to his father's work ethic and talents, the little scarecrow boy tries and tries to scare the crows away. Although he fails over and over again, he does eventually succeed and sees that not only is his father proud of him--he is proud of HIMSELF. This is a great lesson quietly told--it's not preachy or high-handed in any way. Brown's charming tale is greatly bolstered by the color-saturated illustrations of David Diaz. These have a lovely, soft 1930s look that reminds me very much of the illustrations in the original Raggedy Ann and Andy books. I especially like the way Diaz pulls back his perspective on the last page so that you really see why the little scarecrow boy feels, happily, that all is right with the world.

Margaret Wise Brown has, through this book, shared with parents how to accept and assist children wanting to take risks and explore life. This is also a wonderful book to use as a way of explaining adult jobs to children. It is a way of alleviating children's fear of separating from parents when they go off to school. The author has shared her humor, creativity and I suspect her experiences. This picture book is also considered a predictable book, because there is one verse that is repeated. Enjoy this delightful lighthearted story and see if you can relate to it or to other books that you have read.

I just read this book to my first grade class and they loved it. It's a great book to introduce the idea of never giving up and feeling proud after a job well done.

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