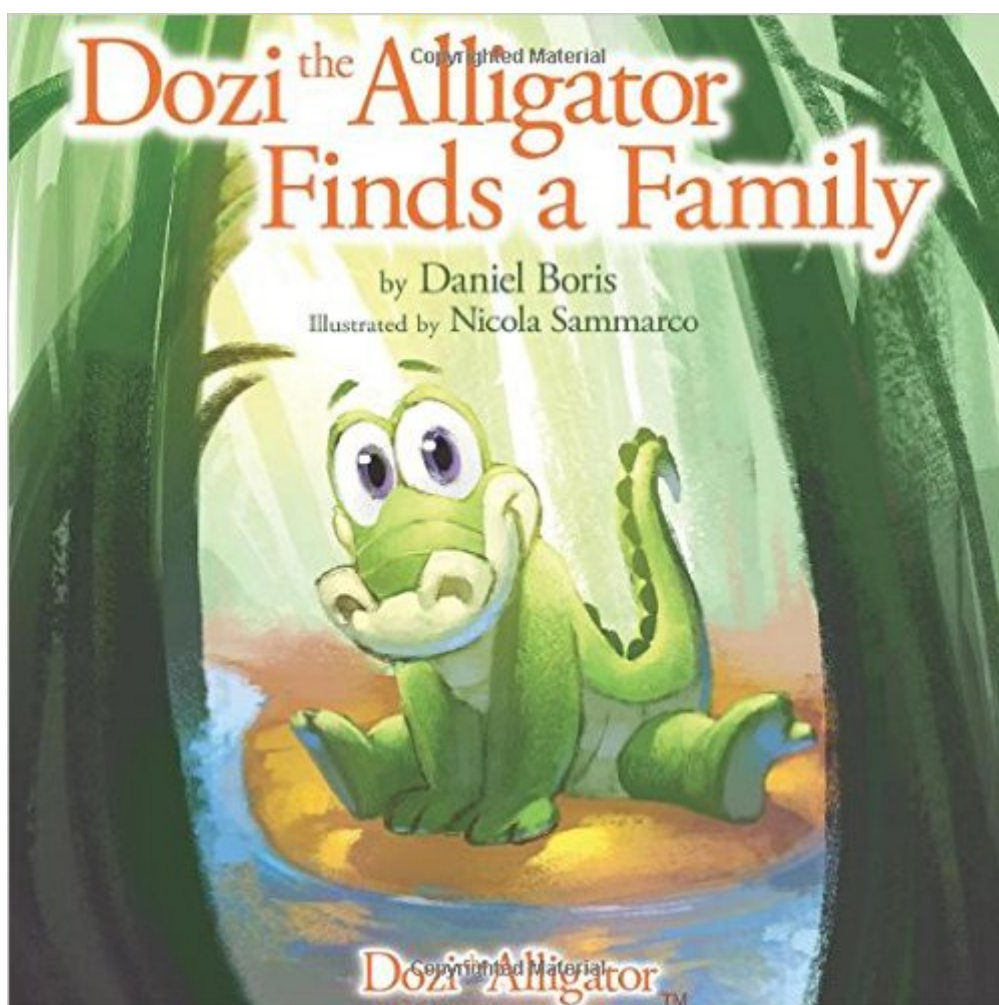


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Dozi The Alligator Finds A Family



Synopsis

In this first book of the series, readers are introduced to a lovable little alligator named Dozi. Living in a swamp in central Florida, Dozi observes wondrous colorful lights over a distant amusement park. Eventually, the curiosity of the little alligator gets the best of him and he heads off to discover the strange and fascinating new world of humans. While hiding inside one of Orlando's popular theme parks, Dozi makes the decision to stow away in the unsuspecting Hoxwinder family's minivan after the family has finished visiting the park. During the long over-night drive home from Florida, Dozi befriends young Byron Hoxwinder in the very back of the vehicle. The family arrives home without anybody but 9-year old Byron Hoxwinder realizing they have brought a young alligator home with them.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

I received a preview copy of Dozi and fell in love. I am a school librarian for grades preschool to 4th grade and always challenged to help screen tested, active littles who sit still for so long and have so many other media choices, enjoy a book. I think this is a good book for a preschool, kinder or first grade but I can see Dozi growing in any direction as his appeal would reach all grade schoolers. This content featured younger characters so the kids would relate to that. Dozi the Alligator Finds a Family was a home run read for our classes, it has all the magic you want for your little audience. I

could ask them to pretend to climb, to pretend to hide, to sneak in and we talked about 'stowaways' we made fireworks and I played Katy Perry and had a dance party. It was a blast. Dozi lives in the Everglades and from far away, he sees beautiful lights in the sky and a dim outline of a castle. I presume it's Disney, but how can he know? He just knows he wants to get closer. So, he leaves the swamp, climbs his way into the park, peers through the bushes and then is a stowaway in the net sacking of a carriage. There was my action I like to see in the book and they love to act out and get their wiggles out. It's all so real and magical. My students loved Dozi "He's so cute!!" and then I could see them wondering about what might crawl into their carriages. Then the carriage is folded, parents are distracted with cell phones and Dozi is on his way home. Very relevant for them. He meets the little boy in the car and a friendship forms. This book is right in line with Paddington Bear and Gruffalo (with rhyming text) but so engaging. I love it and can't wait to see more. Kids need books that are relevant to their experience.

So my 6 year old (GB) picked up this book when I dragged she and her sister along to One More Page Book for for the Boldly Bookish Tour. Sidenote: Where I met A.C. Gaughen, the author of the Scarlet series (YA) which I ADORE! When we got home she begged me to read it and we fell in love with this adorable alligator and his adventurous spirit. I loved the tempo and rhythm of the book as we read it. It has a rhyming and playful tone that will draw in younger children and the illustrations by Nicola Sammarco are simultaneously calming and bright all at once. Children will have such a wonderful time looking at all the emotions that show up on the page, this is a book that even non-readers will love because looking at it is just as much fun as reading it. Dozi is a young alligator living in the Everglades who watches beautiful lights appear in the sky every night (being the Disney World fanatics we are, of course our mind went straight to Disney's nightly firework display.) and wonders what about it has everyone so excited. So the curious alligator starts off on his adventure and decides that this new world he has found is kind of amazing and full of new things he wants to learn about and see. There are really just so many good things to say about this book. It should be a staple on any child's book shelf and in any early childhood educators classroom. I would love to see Dozi's story as a 'big book' with preschoolers gathered around eyes wide taking in all the color and the story of this curious alligator. This would be an easy book to also get you children involved in the story, pretending to be Dozi, hiding and scurrying about. The best part, this is a series.

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