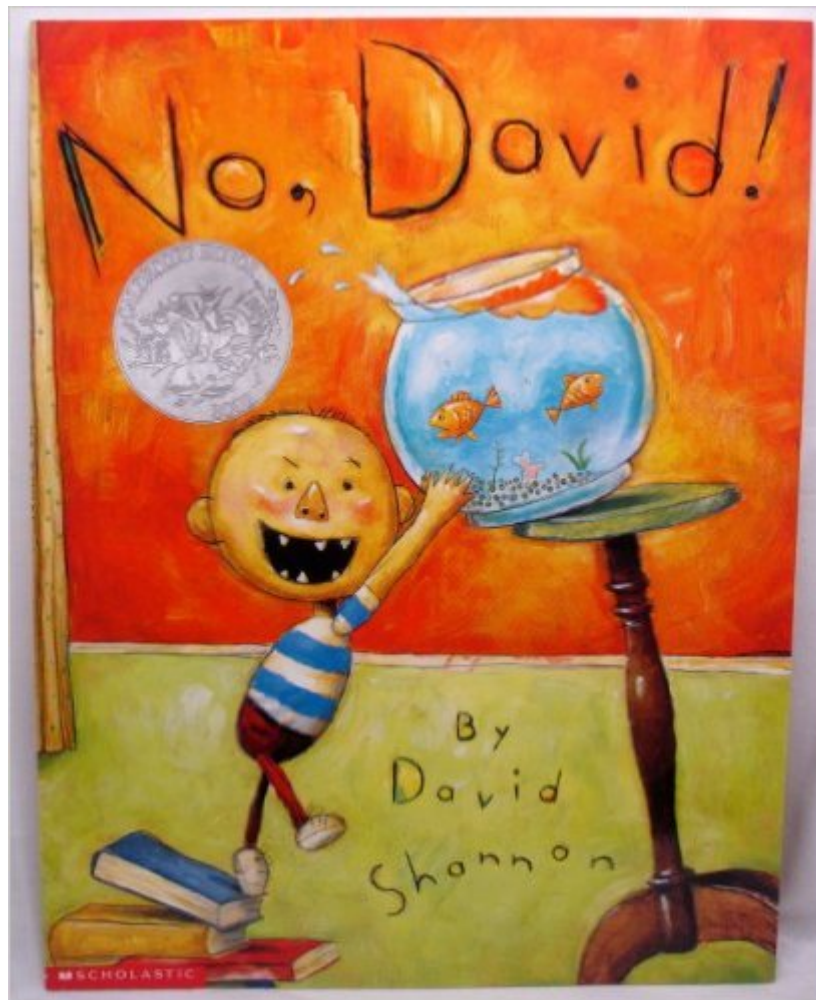


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# No, David!



## Synopsis

As a Kindergarten teacher and a lover of children's literature, I can tell you that *No, David!* is a very special book. This story does not need a lot of words in order to be captivating. Instead, it grabs the reader because it so accurately depicts the spirit of the child. Children will be children, and what to them is great fun, to an adult can be a definite no-no. It is through David's innocence, and his precarious foothold in the world, that we are instantly transported back to our own childhoods, where we too had to learn that there were consequences for our actions. I can't imagine that there is a person out there that cannot identify with the round-headed, gap-toothed David.

## Book Information

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All of our young children have days like David's. Some of our children have lives like David's. David does a series of typical toddler no-nos like writing on walls and trying to steal cookies. The text consists almost entirely of "No, David!" but the illustrations speak volumes. They appear crude, but for all of that they are strangely realistic. And they convey very well the awkwardness of toddlerhood. There was definitely something in it that spoke to my youngest child. When my youngest was two and a half, he would sit in my lap to allow me to read *No, David!* to him -- would go find the book and give it to me to read to him -- and pointed out all the details in the pictures with me. He still finds this book hilarious, and he's five years old. If you want quiet time with your rambunctious child, offer him this book. Allow your child the opportunity to read about a little boy who also has trouble behaving like Mommy wants him to. But does this book encourage misbehavior in toddlers? Does it Give Them Ideas? Does this subversive book give toddlers ideas about new

ways to rebel against parents? Is this book visual proof of bad parenting? Such concerns presuppose that toddlers misbehave on purpose. In fact, the world is a frustrating place for toddlers, who crave and fear independence from mommy, and have the same wants we do without a lot of the physical competence we have, and who are only just learning impulse control. This book empathizes with these impulses, but does not encourage them. The illustrations portray the consequences of childish misbehavior in a way that toddlers can hear it, and the humor in the book is exactly the ultraviolet brand that parents of toddlers -- and their toddlers -- need.

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