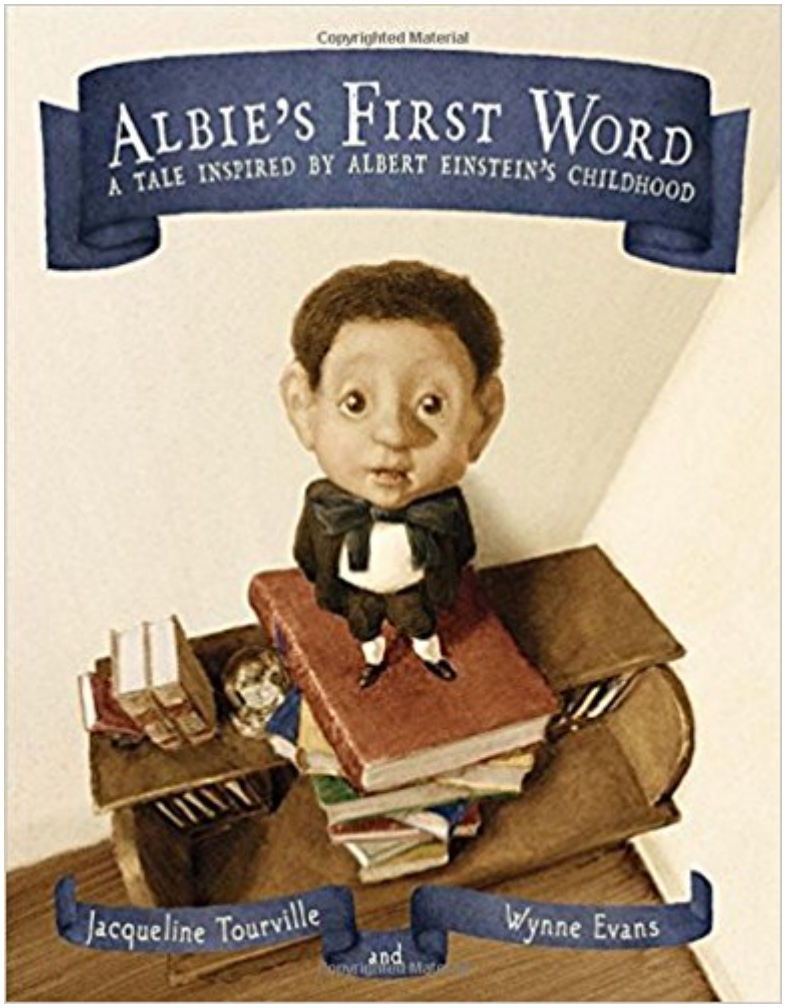
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Synopsis

Here’s a beautiful historical fiction picture book that provides a rare glimpse into the early childhood of Albert Einstein, the world’s most famous physicist. Three-year-old Albie has never said a single word. When his worried mother and father consult a doctor, he advises them to expose little Albie to new things: a trip to the orchestra, an astronomy lecture, a toy boat race in the park. But though Albie dances with excitement at each new experience, he remains silent. Finally, the thoughtful, quiet child witnesses something so incredible, he utters his very first word: "Why?" Kids, parents, and teachers will be delighted and reassured by this joyous story of a child who develops a bit differently than others."More than a distinctive introduction to Albert Einstein, this book promotes both understanding of difference and scientific curiosity." --Kirkus Reviews, Starred

Book Information

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K-Gr 3Ã¢â ¬â •Though he can build an astonishing house of cards and take his father’s compass apart and reassemble it, little Albie just won’t talk. When his concerned parents consult the doctor, he advises them to expose the tyke to new experiences. A trip to the symphony and an astronomy lecture excite the youngster but fail to inspire speech. Based on Einstein and his sister’s actual accounts, this fictionalized version of the three-year-old’s delayed speech and much-awaited first

word is a surprising and entertaining introduction to the subject. While the endpapers are covered with mathematical formulas, and an author’s note offers insight into the physicist’s accomplishments, the tale can stand on its own as an amusing picture book as well as offer obvious reassurance for families dealing with speech delays. The oil-glazed illustrations are clever and lively. They capture the boy’s spirit and curiosity while clothing and homely furnishings capture the era. Little Albie’s exaggerated eyes, ears, and cheekbones give him a somewhat comical appearance reminiscent of Boris Kulikov’s characters. Follow this story up with Jennifer Berne’s On a Beam of Light (Chronicle, 2013) or Don Brown’s Odd Boy Out (Houghton Harcourt, 2004) for science or biography units.Ã¢â ¬â •Barbara Auerbach, New York City Public Schools

Ã¢â ¬Å“The simple story is told with heart, suspense and gentle humor [Ã¢â ¬Â¦] More than a distinctive introduction to Albert Einstein, this book promotes both understanding of difference and scientific curiosity.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â •Kirkus Reviews, Starred

Gorgeous art and story. Albie will melt your heart and inspire curiosity in all readers. A must read! Albie is the perfect gift for budding scientists and inquisitive children.

Very sweet book. Shows that everyone is amazing, even when not the same as everyone else. The art work is beautiful, with wonderful scenery and detail.

Excellent story for children and exquisite art work

This book is imaginative, informative and entertaining. It’s one of our favorites. Don’t pass it up.

A wonderful story and so inspiring to every parent who wonders if their child will develop normally.

Difficult book for young children with many words that are very large and with topics that a small child learning to talk might not identify.

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My grandson enjoyed this boy.

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