



★ Ask Our Readers...

We'd love feedback on our reading guide. Please send comments to:

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A Bit of News...

Thanks to everyone who stopped by our book signings at the NRV Mall's toy store and the Blacksburg Library Storytime. Future events will be posted on Facebook.

Visit our [website](#) often as we anticipate the release of:

- *A Beach Visit with Grandma*
- *I'm Bigger Than You*
- *Fifth Grade Buddies*
- *Little Toad Falls in the River*
- *Birthday Muffins*
- *Monkey Man and the Train*

Teachers had requested reading guides for our books. Attached find a sample. Free guides will be available for each book when you set up an account on the website. No purchase necessary.

- ★ Shine On's books are now in 11 states!!
- ★ We wish all the children a great end to the school year!
- ★ Keep Shine On in mind as you plan next year's budget ~ Thanks!

Announcements

★ We welcome Leyla Kiran to our illustrators' team! She will illustrate a new series on disabilities-diversity.

★ Check out the website to see the latest updates.

★ New reading guide attached for your convenience.

Writing Tip...

The Element of Style, written by William Strunk, Jr. & E. B. White states: *Vigorous writing is concise.* This means that *every word tell* not that every sentence is short. Their rule # 14: Use the active voice.

Both points link to the importance of teaching vocabulary. A strong vocabulary enables a child to write explicitly and to communicate in writing exactly what he/she means.

