



[A Plan for Pops](#) by Heather Smith

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*Age Range: 3–5 years

Grade Range: Preschool–Grade 2 (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

In this illustrated picture book, a child helps their grandfathers deal with a difficult change in abilities.

Lou spends every Saturday with Grandad and Pops. They walk to the library hand in hand, like a chain of paper dolls. Grandad reads books about science and design, Pops listens to rock and roll, and Lou bounces from lap to lap. But everything changes one Saturday. Pops has a fall. That night there is terrible news: Pops will need to use a wheelchair, not just for now, but for always. Unable to cope with his new circumstances, he becomes withdrawn and shuts himself in his room. Hearing Grandad trying to cheer up Pops inspires Lou to make a plan. Using skills learned from Grandad, and with a little help from their neighbors, Lou comes up with a plan for Pops.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"A positive and realistic representation of both a wheelchair user and an elderly, interracial gay male couple."—[Kirkus Reviews](#)

"A beautiful and uplifting book to help children learn how to handle challenges and help others; a great choice for intergenerational picture book shelves."—[School Library Journal](#)

"A warm intergenerational story accompanied by expressive illustrations full of engaging detail."—*The Horn Book*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- BC Books for BC Schools, **Commended, 2021**
- American Library Association (ALA) Rainbow Book List, **Commended, 2020**

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- Forest of Reading Blue Spruce Award, **Nominated, 2020**
- Canadian Children's Book Centre (CCBC) Our Choice, starred selection, **Commended, 2019**
- Ontario Library association (OLA) Best Bets, **Commended, 2019**
- Spirituality & Practice (S&P) Awards - The Best Spiritual Books of the Year, **Commended, 2019**

***A NOTE ON AGE RANGES**

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.