



[Angus All Aglow](#) by Heather Smith

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*Age Range: 3–5

Grade Range: Preschool–Grade 1

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Angus loves sparkly things, so much so that he can hear them.

To Angus, shiny objects not only look beautiful; they also crackle, buzz and go whiz-bang-POP! His unique ability is lost, however, when Angus wears his grandma's beaded necklace to school, and his classmates tease him for his atypical choice. Saddened by their laughter, Angus stops hearing the sparkle.

A gentle story of acceptance, generosity and friendship, *Angus All Aglow* reminds us that it only takes one kind gesture to restore your sparkle, and returning the kindness can make you glow from the inside out.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Smith's story accomplishes some great things: It introduces readers to new reach-word vocabulary, and Angus' love of sparkle isn't tied directly to sexuality or gender identity, allowing it to reach the heterosexual cis boys who love a little glitz and glimmer."—[Kirkus Reviews](#)

"The tale is one of inclusion, acceptance, diversity, friendship, and kindness, but all are subtly included and take a back seat to the story. This book's sweet message leaves you glowing from the inside out, just like Angus."—

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"Charming illustrations accompany a text that celebrates differences--and friends that embrace all of yours."—[The Horn Book](#)

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AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Ontario Library Association (OLA) Best Bets, **Commended, 2018**
- Canadian Children's Book Centre (CCBC) Best Books for Kids and Teens, **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.