



I Have to Start School Today

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?I have to start at school today. ?You?ll have such fun!? my parents say.

I know they think I?ll be ok, but what if things don?t go my way??

Thus begins this picture book on the well-trying theme of the anxiety that haunts little people about to start school. This little girl is very nervous, imagining all the things that might terrify her at school. These fears are compounded by an older brother who frightens her even more with tales of ghastly happenings. Grandma saves the day by telling her, ?Your silly brother?s telling lies?, reassuring her that school?s better than it might appear, that school might be a nice surprise. The illustrations add much to the tale, showing terrifying bears, rhinos, all demons besetting the little girl; also a baboon who plays the bassoon ? who turns out to be the kindest of friends! There is Mum looking at her mobile phone photo of her daughter, with a tear on her cheek, and the book case houses a wonderful selection of titles; *Gift Ideas for Teachers, Worms, School Survival Guide, Train that Brain*. Printed on reinforced paper to withstand frequent little hands and greasy fingers, this book should reassure parents and children alike.

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