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I Lost It!

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Adorable and absent-minded Little Yu is always losing things. This charming and funny book about losing things is one with which elementary school children will relate.

Little Yu always manages to lose something by the time he gets home. Whether it's his socks or a water bottle, he constantly misplaces items, perplexing his family members. Then one day Little Yu loses a tooth, catching even his mother off guard. This vividly illustrated and whimsical book, featuring scenes from family life, is sure to delight young readers.



Li Man-Yin

Li Man-Yin grew up in a seaside town during her childhood. She studied fine arts and graphic design in school. Seeking harmony in daily life, Li finds joy in animals and the landscapes of mountains and seas, and replenishes her spirit through these activities. She currently resides in Taichung with her husband and son. She won the Honorable Mention in the 34th Hsin-Yi Children's Literature Award for Picture Book Creation Recommended in the 84th Edition of "Good Books for All" for Picture Books and Early Childhood Reading.

“I Wanted to Reflect the Small, Familiar Moments of Family Life”: A Note from the Author

During the early years after my child was born, life felt chaotic, as if it was constantly moving forward without a clear direction. It wasn't until my son started school that a sense of balance slowly returned.

We began to have conversations about school and daily life, and soon they shifted from him listening to us to us listening to him. He started bringing things home from school and, of course, losing things there as well. We were all adjusting to this new stage of life together.

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moments. The forgetful child, constantly losing things, took shape in my mind. Every day, he would begin our conversations by telling me about something else he had “lost.” After repeatedly losing various items, one

day, he finally lost something so surprising that even he was taken aback.

As I developed the story, I envisioned how I wanted to bring it to life on paper—with bold, textured strokes that felt a bit messy, a bit raw. I wanted to reflect the small, familiar moments of family life in a way that was warm, funny, and relatable. My hope is that both adults and children reading this book will enjoy a comforting, joyful experience together.

This excerpt from the book's afterword has been condensed for this booklet.

“A Picture Book That Closely Reflects Children's Life Experiences”

by Chien-Ju Chang

I Lost It! is a picture book that closely reflects children's life experiences. The protagonist, Xiao You, is a forgetful little boy who always seems to lose something by the time he gets home—whether it's socks, a hat, a water bottle, or an eraser, he's lost them all. Both kids and parents who read this story might smile and think, “Isn't this about me?” or “That's just like my little one!”—making it highly relatable for readers.

The story takes a surprising turn in the second half. One day, Xiao You comes home from school, and before he even steps through the door, he shouts, “Mom! I lost something!” Like his mom, readers might wonder, “What has he lost this time?” But then Xiao You, wide-eyed with excitement, points to the gap in his teeth and exclaims, “I lost my tooth!” It turns out Xiao You is losing his baby teeth—

he's growing up! His mom marks the first lost tooth with a “1,” showing her joy in his growth.

But the story doesn't end there. “Wait, where's my school bag?”—and the tale circles back to the forgetful Xiao You, staying true to its theme.

Children are easily distracted, and their attention spans are short. Warm and inviting, this book avoids being preachy and instead highlights the endearing side of a child's forgetfulness.

Chien-Ju Chang is a professor in the Department of Child and Family Science at National Taiwan Normal University.

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Mama was very worried about this, and couldn't help complaining.

To her surprise, their neighbor replied with a wry smile:

"My second child lost a total of 10 erasers last term!"



Mama finished shopping and went home,
asking herself:
“I wonder what Mister Muddled will lose today?”

BANG!

The door crashed open,
and before Mama could see Little Yu,
she heard him shouting from the entrance:

媽媽媽媽! 掉了!

(MAMA! I LOST IT!)

