

# Read Aloud Guide

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**Title:** *Tiger In My Soup* by Kashmira Sheth, illustrated by Jeffrey Ebbeler

**Best for:** K-2nd grade

**Summary:** This book is about a young boy who is left alone with his older sister for an afternoon. He begs her to read with him but she's too busy with her own reading. The boy's active imagination creates a tiger from his soup that he battles throughout the kitchen. Finally the sister reads with him ... but the tiger may not be gone.

**Why we chose this book:** Kashmira Sheth was born in India and moved to the US when she was a teenager. She has created a story that is easily relatable to anyone who has an older sibling. We love that it features a family of color and a very typical weekend - their parents go out and leave the older sister in charge. The younger brother just wants the older sister to read with him, but she's preoccupied with her own life and continues to ignore him. We love how the brother uses his imagination and creates his own adventure, until finally his sister reads with him.

**Central themes:** Sibling relationships, babysitting, reading, imagination

**Introducing the book:** You can begin by showing the cover, reading the title and author, and then saying something like this:

*"This book is about a young boy who has an older sister. Their parents go out for the day and leaves the older sister in charge. Who here has an older sister or brother that sometimes takes care of you?"*

*"Have you ever tried to get your older brother or sister or cousin to play with you or read with you and they said no? What is that like?"*

**After Reading:** Debrief with students

*"Why do you think the boy imagined a tiger?" (He was reading about tigers in his book; the alphabet soup spelled "roar" when his sister made him lunch.)*

*"What do you think will happen next? Do you think the sister will go back to reading her own book, or do you think she will continue reading with him?"*

*"In this book, the boy wants his sister to read with him - he likes reading with other people. Do you like to read with someone else or do you like to read alone?"*