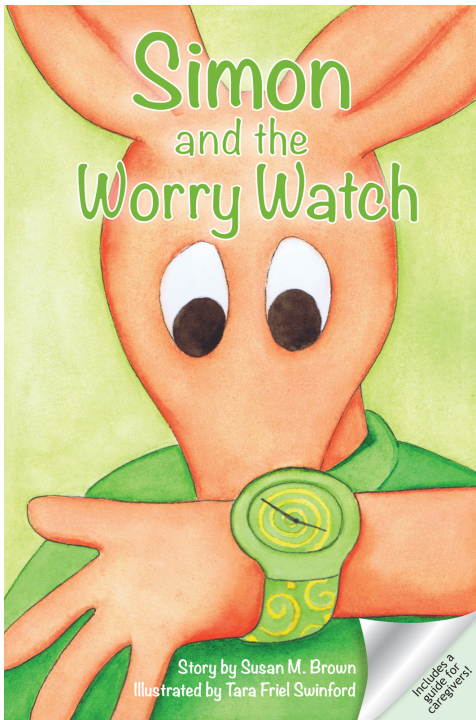




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SIMON and the WORRY WATCH

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Simon is excited about his first day of preschool, but he is also a little bit worried! All day long, Simon worries. He worries that he might not have a friend. He worries that he might not find the bathroom on time. Most of all, he worries that he will miss his mom. Luckily, Simon's mother has a plan to make the worries go away . . .

Written by a mother and longtime classroom educator, *Simon and the Worry Watch* is a fun story for kids and a helpful tool for parents, caregivers, and teachers of young children venturing out into the world for the first time.

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When she was younger, Tara Friel Swinford dreamed of being an artist one day. Her mom, dad, sister, brother, and husband drove her to school, paid tuition, saved lunch money to buy her supplies, and made midnight trips to the printers to help her get final projects finished. Today, Tara has a B.A. in fine arts, a B.F.A. in graphic design and illustration, and has almost completed an M.F.A. in children's literature thanks to her family's love and support. She has been a professional artist for over a decade. Through her work on *Simon and the Worry Watch*, she's excited to help readers help their children step out into the big, bad world and dream big dreams, unafraid.

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