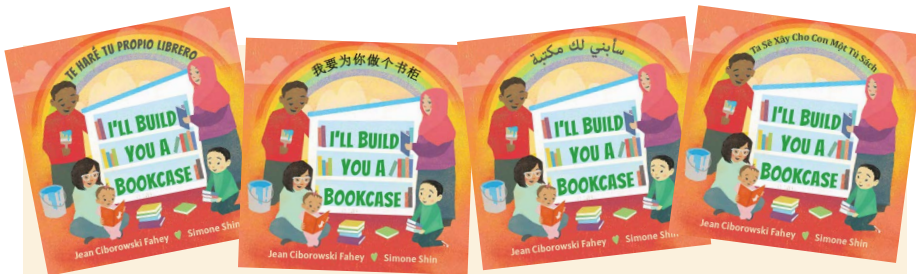


I'll Build You a Bookcase



Illustrated by Simone Shin from *I'll Build You a Bookcase*



Told in simple, sweet rhyme, *I'll Build You a Bookcase* celebrates the joy of reading and discovering new stories.

Building Early Language Skills

Reading for even ten minutes a day has proven to build important language skills, curiosity and memory in young children, and encourages a positive association with books and reading later in life.

Features of the book:

- High-frequency words
- Illustrations support the text and message
- Engaging art from award-winning illustrator
- Contemporary art features diverse families
- Topic and concepts familiar to children



Learn more at:

<https://www.leeandlow.com/educators/i-ll-build-you-a-bookcase>

“Talking and reading with children is how we lay the groundwork for strong readers in the future, even when it seems like they are too young to understand.

This book seeks to engage children with its emotionally resonant writing and storyline, while giving ideas to adults about how to support early language development. We

are eager to share *I'll Build You a Bookcase* with Philadelphia families, and we hope to see this book reach families around the country.”

– **Elliot Weinbaum,**
Program Director,
William Penn Foundation



A Unique Partnership

In a groundbreaking initiative funded by the William Penn Foundation, OpenIDEO launched the Early Childhood Book Challenge in 2019 seeking an original story for children ages 0 to 3 that would inspire children and their caregivers to read together.

Author Jean Ciborowski Fahey's winning manuscript was selected by a committee of literacy and family engagement experts. As an early literacy specialist and parent educator, Fahey (top) crafted a story that celebrates literacy and supports early language development. Coupled with charming and vibrant art by award-winning illustrator Simone Shin, *I'll Build You a Bookcase* is an essential addition to every bookshelf.

**"I am so excited to be illustrating for this project with the William Penn Foundation. What an honor to have the opportunity to create art that will encourage and inspire young readers through these programs."
—Simone Shin, illustrator of *I'll Build You a Bookcase*.**

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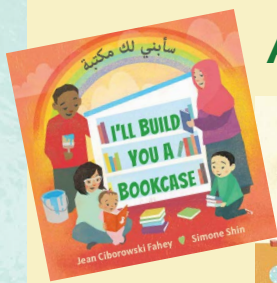
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