Reading is an important activity in our daily life. After the hectic day of running around and playing, I like to have one–on–one time with both of my children, and we do that by talking about the day, things that may be bothering them, and by reading. Both kids choose a book or two and I will read. Gavyn, although nine, still loves when I read. I truly believe my reading to him since he was six months old has made him an intelligent child who spells amazing, loves to read, and does well in most subjects in school. Zoe is the same. Before she could talk and walk, she would grab a book and pat my leg for me to read to her. When we are out grocery shopping, the first thing she will ask is if she can get a book. Not a toy, or candy, or clothes, but a book. How can I say no to that?

So recently when children’s book author, Kevin Bloomfield asked if we wanted to review his new children’s book, *Mr. Biggs in the City*, I was more than happy to. *Mr. Biggs in the City* is about a curious Sasquatch who has huge feet and an even bigger heart. We sat down to check out the book and Zoe loved it, especially the photos and the story kept her attention. Mr. Biggs who lives in a cave spots the city and decides it looks like a fun place so he visits. But as it turns out he is too big to do fun things we would do, skateboarding, riding a biking, driving a car, painting, playing at the park and more. Poor Mr. Biggs cannot have fun like boys and girls and is sad. The city is no fun until the boys and girls see Mr. Biggs and play with him! He has so much fun with the children climbing on him, laughing and have an amazing time! The book is a hardcover and the illustrations in the book are brightly colored, fun and hilarious. We received the story in English and Spanish so each page was translated into Spanish, which I think is fabulous. The last page was a vocabulary page. A short story, kids and adults are sure to love.

Mr. Biggs in the City

Kevin Bloomfield, a children’s toy designer by trade, has written a fun and interesting book for pre–k to 3rd graders. Children who read this book will no doubt be smitten with Mr. Biggs as he ventures out of his cozy little cave in the middle of the forest to travel to the city in search of fun. Whether riding a bike, pretending to be a policeman, trying a roller coaster or a skateboard, getting a haircut, playing a guitar and many other adventures, the message Mr. Biggs learns in the end is that fun is not found in isolated activities but rather in the company of children.

The illustrations are beautifully rendered from the cover through to the last page, each vivid and vibrant and filled with little surprising details which, no doubt, will appeal to his audience.

What I found the most interesting (and educational) is the way in which Mr. Bloomfield incorporated the Spanish translation on each page and parents are sure to appreciate the English/Spanish vocabulary list at the end of the book.

Mr. Biggs in the City is the children’s book I wish I had thought to write if I were a children’s book author! Well done, Mr. Bloomfield.

Barbara Kent, Twitwall

This book is adorable! The pictures are hilarious! I like watching Mr. Biggs try to figure out the city almost as much as my kids do! They are very into Bigfoot lore and Bigfoot movies (like “Harry and the Hendersons” and “Little Bigfoot”) and this book fits in perfectly with their idea of a kind and loving Bigfoot!

Sarah E. Ford, Twitwall

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Mr. Biggs in the City

Mr. Biggs in the City is written and illustrated by Kevin Bloomfield. This is such a vibrant and fun read. The artwork is fabulous and the story is easy to read. This book holds Bryson’s interest all the way through and that’s saying A LOT. You get to follow Mr. Biggs to the city and watch as he tries to fit in. He soon realizes that he’s too big to do the things he wants and it’s no fun. It has a happy ending though!

“Mr. Biggs is a very curious Sasquatch who has huge feet and an even bigger heart. He climbs to the top of the tallest tree in all of the forest, and spots a city. Join Mr. Biggs on his journey as he tries to shred on a skateboard, jam in a rock band, twirl in a ballet tutu and much, much more. Will the giant Mr. Biggs find out that he fits in the city…or is he just too big? Mr. Biggs in the City is a hilarious and heartwarming story for both the young and young at heart, with vividly wacky illustrations that will make you laugh out loud with every turn of the page.”

It’s Gravy Baby  http://www.itsgravybaby.com

Mr. Biggs in the City follows the titular Sasquatch as he follows his heart and his curiosity into the big city. As Mr. Biggs tries to find his place there, he tries his hand at all sorts of things: skateboarding, driving, even ballet! But, does Mr. Biggs fit in the city…or is he too big? This is a sweet, heartwarming tale with a big, loveable hero. The book is both written and illustrated by Kevin Bloomfield.

The story is very cute, but my favorite part of this book is definitely the animation. The bright colors and vivid illustrations are beautifully drawn and will capture children’s attention! Mr. Biggs, though a monster—sized Sasquatch, is a fun and very likable character. Kids will love Mr. Biggs and adults may be reminded of another friendly Sasquatch from days gone by: Harry and the Hendersons. I would highly recommend this book to any family with young children. They will have a blast with Mr. Biggs on his adventure in the city! And keep an eye out for the sequel, coming soon: Mr. Biggs at the Circus.

Kansas City Mommy  www.mykansascitymommy.com
MR. BIGGS IN THE CITY

Mr. Biggs

The Buzz…Mr. Biggs is a very curious Sasquatch who has huge feet and an even bigger heart. One day, when he climbs to the tippy top of the tallest tree in all of the forest, he spots a city. He has never seen a city before but it looks like so much fun, so he sets off to discover all of the curious adventures the city has to offer.

Come along with Mr. Biggs on his journey as he tries to shred on a skateboard, jam in a rock band, twirl in a ballet tutu and much, much more. Will the giant Mr. Biggs find out he fits in the city…or is he just too big? One thing is for sure…he’ll have tons of fun along the way!

Mr. Biggs in the City is a hilarious and heart-warming story for both the young and young-at-heart, with vividly wacky illustrations that will make you laugh out loud with every turn of the page.

E.B. Mommy’s Report…This Mr. Biggs adventure begins when the lovable Sasquatch spots the city and, of course, the grass on the other side does look greener to him. His escapades set off Bunny girl’s giggles and she found it most amusing that clumsy ol’ Mr. Biggs actually tried to pirouette through a ballet session and attempt to be a tough policeman while chomping on a pink frosted doughnut!

This is a book your little one will love to listen to. Make sure you spend time looking at the pictures on each page as they tell their own little, funny stories too!

Mr. Biggs
Interview and Review of Mr. Biggs in the City...

1. Favorite thing to do?
I love to fish and hike, and sometimes I chase frogs. — “Me love to fish and hike, and sometimes me chase frogs!”

2. What do you eat?
My favorite food is cupcakes, but they are hard to find near my house. My friend Squirrel makes a great berry pie. — “Mmmmm, me love cupcake, but they hard to find near cave. Friend Squirrel makes the best pie from berries.”

3. Do you read books?
I love to read. My new friends from the city taught me to read. — “Me love reading! New friends from the city taught me to read.”

4. Who is your best friend?
My best friend is Squirrel. You can find him throughout my first book—Mr. Biggs in the City. — “Me best friend is Squirrel. Look for him in my book, Mr. Biggs in the City.”

5. How did you get the name Biggs?
This one’s easy. I’m the biggest creature in the whole forest, so my friends started calling me Mr. Biggs. — “This one easy...Me the biggest thing in entire forest, so friends start calling me Mr. Biggs.”

Cute story of Mr. Biggs in the City. I loved that this book was also in Spanish to also read along to.

Julie, Table for Seven Blogspot
My Five Monkeys site
Mr. Biggs in the City a Fun Read…I recently received *Mr. Biggs in the City*, a delightful children’s book by Kevin Bloomfield. Mr. Biggs is a Sasquatch (aka Bigfoot). When the book begins, he lives in the forest, but then he climbs to the top of a tree and sees a city. Being curious, he decides to visit this city. The remainder of the book discusses Mr. Biggs’ adventures in the city. He tries out various modes of transportation that will be familiar to children, but he doesn’t have much luck with them. From riding a bike to riding a roller coaster, nothing is quite right. He even tries being a policeman and different hobbies such as ballet and playing the guitar. Finally he finds a playground, but realizes he is too big to have fun on all the playground equipment. Just when Mr. Biggs is becoming discouraged, the kids come and play with him. This is when he finally finds his place—playing with the kids (or letting the kids play on him...lol).

The story is really cute, but even more than the story, I loved the illustrations. They were so colorful and painted the perfect picture of Mr. Biggs and his city adventures. I even caught my 10–year–old daughter looking through this book multiple times (which she doesn’t usually do with children’s books as that wouldn’t be “cool”). I could see these drawings as an animated movie.

The end of the story says that Mr. Biggs will have another adventure with a circus. That was neat to see as even with young readers, I love to see series so that the reader can become more attached to the character.

The author and illustrator of Mr. Biggs in the City is Kevin Bloomfield. Kevin graduated from the Art Institute in 2001. He is married with two young daughters, and he currently lives in Los Angeles, California.

*Kimberly, A Novel Mind @http://anovelmind.com/mr-biggs-in-the-city*
Mr. Biggs, a Bigfoot, decides to have fun in the city. He tries to ride a bike and be a policeman. He has his hair done and checks out the play equipment at the park. But nothing is fun until the kids come to play with him.

A silly, fun story with an anything—but-scary Sasquatch enhanced by simple, colorful and whimsical illustrations. The implication of the story is that everyone needs others. In English and English/Spanish versions.

My Twitter buddy Kevin Bloomfield has written and illustrated an adorable children’s book titled Mr. Biggs in the City. It is the story of a Sasquatch who leaves his cozy cave in the forest to see what he can discover in the city. I won’t ruin the plot for you but I will tell you that Mr. Biggs gets himself into some pretty funny situations that include skateboarding, impersonating a police officer, and even wearing a tutu. The illustrations in the book are detailed and hilarious.

I thought the book was adorable, but I’m the mother of a fourteen and eleven year old. What do I know? So I took the book to two kindergarten classes (at two different schools) and asked their teachers to read it to them. The kids in both classes loved it! They especially loved the artwork and enjoyed trying to find Mr. Biggs’ friend, the funny squirrel, on every page.

The thing I love most about the book is that the simple text is in both English and Spanish and has a Spanish/English translation glossary for 17 of the nouns used in the book. I think this helps spread the message that even if someone looks a lot different (you know, like a Sasquatch) or speaks a different language, inside we’re all looking for love and trying to have fun while finding out what we are good at. This book is the PERFECT gift for children ages 2—7 (maybe even 8!)

- Charlene Ross
MR. BIGGS IN THE CITY

“Mr. Biggs is a Sasquatch. Some call him Bigfoot.” Bigfoot? In the city? What child wouldn’t love to read about an adorable Bigfoot named Mr. Biggs. This story sends its youthful reader on a fun adventure from a cozy cave to a happening city.

I received a copy of Kevin Bloomfield’s latest children’s book, Mr. Biggs in the City. This cute but large Sasquatch wanders from his forest home to explore different activities in the city. My daughter’s favorite page [shows] Mr. Biggs attempting ballet. My daughter loved his ballet leap, complete with stinky green toe–nailed toes sticking out of his ballet shoes.

Kevin Bloomfield, the author of Mr. Biggs in the City, used one of the best children’s book “sounding boards” on the market, his daughters. I emailed Kevin and asked him what was his favorite part of working with his kids. His response: “My rule was, if my kids didn’t laugh at the page then I’d throw it out and start over. I think as adults we think we know what kids like, but the reality is we just aren’t cool enough.” So true!

One other interesting feature of this book is that you can purchase it in bilingual format with Spanish as well as English. I think it’s a great idea to include both. My kids attended preschool where most of their books had both Spanish and English captions and my now 1st grader is still using some of the Spanish words she learned three years ago.

— Moana Saves, a blog by the Sea, NC