



## ***I want spaghetti!* by Stephanie Blake**

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Simon the little rabbit is an obstinate young fellow. Like most youngsters, when he wants something he wants it immediately and he won't be deflected.

His parents are well-used to Simon's determined ways and try different strategies to encourage him to eat a varied diet. Inevitably, there's a showdown and the little rabbit is sent to his room for being bad-mannered and, of course, he has a monumental paddy. Parents with fussy eaters will smile at the familiar scenes, dialogue, and outcome.

The author/artist astutely illustrates the body language and facial expressions of the strong-minded rabbit. At the start, Simon's cute smile and turned in toes show him as a lovable young chap. Later, his angry face and upraised fist display his temper at full force. Bright colours background the bold text - naturally, red accentuates the rabbit's rage at not getting his own way.

This is an amusing book to share with youngsters at story-time and discuss ways that wants and desires could be better expressed leading to an agreeable compromise.

Check out other books by Stephanie Blake about the challenging little rabbit. Gecko Press have published the series in a soft cover format with flaps or in hardback for extra durability.

**Reviewed by children's book author,  
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