



Silver Buttons by Bob Graham

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This engaging picture book details a moment in time and the myriad of activities simultaneously happening in many places.

At 9.59 on a Thursday morning young Jodie is drawing a picture when her little brother Johnathan pushes himself to his feet. He sways, wobbles a little, gains his balance, tilts forward, and takes his first step. This momentous occasion in a child's life is captured in delightful snapshots of the cute boy with his typical toddler's napkin-padded bottom.

The softly-coloured illustrations widen out to an overall view of the kitchen and the children's mother. In subsequent pages, the scene moves outside then expands further afield to include people in other parts of the city going about their everyday lives. Each location shows exchanges between people, and the activities that occupy their attention at that precise second. Finally, the focus returns to Jodie, Johnathan, and their mother just as the kitchen clock strikes ten.

Published in hardback, this generous-sized picture book offers many opportunities to discuss the diversity of people's lives and the interactions within a community.

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