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## ***Fuzzy Doodle* by Melinda Szymanik, illustrated by Donovan Bixley**

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*Fuzzy started as a scribble,  
just a scrawly little doodle,  
a smudgy sort of 'something'  
at the bottom of the page.*

From this simple beginning, aided and abetted by just such a smudgy black doodle on the grey double spread of high quality paper, Fuzzy comes to life. He eats and grows, from words to paragraphs to Once Upon a Time stories. As he grows, the illustrations become more complex, colour is introduced, and quickly becomes vivid:

*All the colours of the rainbow,  
in their tones and hues so varied,  
they were just what Fuzzy needed  
to enable him to grow ... **and grow**  
**AND GROW***

The text will delight the listener and reader, with the illustrations taking the words to a higher level of understanding. From simple pen doodling to Japanese-type simplicity of colour use, Donovan Bixley has excelled himself.

*Fuzzy Doodle* could be used by parents and teachers to expand a child's imaginative use of both words and colour. The age recommendation (a read-aloud book for children from 3-7) is only a guide. This book could be used throughout primary school.

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