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**Battle on! Head to the lanes for another hilarious, high-energy story as four-year-old Mitchell and his obliging dad strike a winning deal.**

Mitchell liked to knock things down.  
That's just how he rolled.

One Saturday, when Mitchell almost knocks down his dad, his dad catches him and puts him in the car. And when they step into the bowling alley, Mitchell feels right at home. Pizza! Giant crashing noises! Special shoes! But as Mitchell picks up the biggest ball and quickly learns the word gutter, and when Dad does a little kick with his leg and earns a big X on the scoreboard, Mitchell starts to get peevish. How can Mitchell get a chance to do a steamin'-hot-potato-dance too? With wit, warmth, and comedic charm, Hallie Durand and Tony Fucile roll another strike with this tale of a lovably rambunctious child and his doting dad.

## Mitchell Goes Bowling Details

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## From Reader Review Mitchell Goes Bowling for online ebook

### Marissa Elera says

I don't think I could possibly love this more. The amusing, honest text paired with hilarious, expressive illustrations makes me so happy.

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### Barb Middleton says

A great book for kids who are trying to learn something new and are frustrated. Four-year-old Mitchell goes bowling for the first time and is having a fun time but he really wants to knock down all the pins like his dad. He gets so frustrated he can't that he wants to leave. His dad suggests that they be on the same team and they toss the ball together.

Tony Fucile is one of my favorite illustrators. He makes me laugh so hard. One of my favorite pages is Mitchell blow drying his hands, then his face, and hair. And the kids howl at Mitchell slipping on the bowling lane. A great example of movement in drawing. Their other favorite is Mitchell running full speed into his dad's leg.

I'm on my 12th read aloud and am still not sick of the story. I'll have to give this as a gift to my grandson. Fun, fun, fun!

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### Maria says

I read this book to several Pre-K classes this month, and it was a hit every time. The kids were really rooting for little four year Mitchell during his quest for an "X". They laughed when he fell, when he or his dad did a hot potato dance, and they asked to hear the story again when it was over. This book was Pre-K tested, and approved.

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### Samantha says

This book is awesome!!!!!!! Mitchell loves to knock things down so his dad introduces him to the sport of bowling. There's tons of details about the experience including the happy dances bowlers do when they score a strike.

I can't say enough good about this book! There's a great storyline featuring father and son, there's the way the father took a destructive behavior (Mitchell's affinity for knocking things over) and turned it into a constructive activity (bowling), there's the hilarious hot potato dance father and son ham up when they roll a good ball, there's the top-notch digital illustrations of which my favorite was the scene where Mitchell and his dad double high five and their hands are big and little and my heart just melts.

Read this, buy this, share this, it's great!!! PreK-2.

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### **Bethany says**

You and the competitive, destructive preschooler you love will thoroughly enjoy this one.

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### **Kelly says**

Mitchell likes to knock things down. And he's pretty good at it. But then his dad takes him bowling where it's okay to knock things down. Only, Mitchell isn't very good at this.

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### **Kim says**

I come from a family of bowlers, so I had to take this one out when I found it at the library. The illustrations are marvellous and the story is fun. And bowling deserves to have some stories too. Makes me want to write a similar story for five-pin.

I do have a couple of quibbles, like seeing Mitchell face-first in the ball return - and how on earth can a four-year-old can lift a ten-pin bowling ball? It was a good chance to reinforce some safety lessons with Mini-Me, though.

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### **The Library Lady says**

First of all, it's nice to have a book about going bowling for kids--don't think there are any other bowling stories!

This is perfectly pitched--and by that I am speaking of sounds/mood, not throwing a baseball! As in Mitchell's License, Durand's understanding of the emotions and feelings of a young child are spot on. And best of all, Mitchell's dad gets things too--how to channel Mitchell's energies and how to handle his frustrations. Ms Durand is on a roll (sorry) with these characters and I hope there is more Mitchell to come!

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### **Sohyun seo says**

In my case, I don't have many time with my father and my brother also doesn't like me. It make a relationship between my father and us is awkward. This book's purpose is to have many time with one's father. They can make very good memories with their father. In addition, they can do everything if they do something with their father. Illustrations show Mitchell and his father are very friendly.

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## **Slytano says**

I don't care for series, but this is really good. Father and son get some quality bonding time together through bowling.

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## **Lynn says**

Having grown up in a bowling alley where my Dad was the proprietor, this book brought back soooo many memories. The images and words made me remember the sounds and smells that accompany the environment of the lanes. Mitchell's dad was quite clever, patient, and understanding, and Mitchell learned a very important lesson. Bravo to the author!

The illustrator gets kudos as well for capturing the scenes and expressions.

Most people are not familiar with candlepin bowling (that's the 'little' balls) but the lanes and the experiences of being a team are the same. However, getting a strike with candlepin is EVER so much more rewarding:))

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## **Dawn says**

Topics:

Persistence

Learning

There are great illustrations this book. The illustrator captured bowling and its ups and downs perfectly.

<http://ihaveabookyoushouldread.blogsp...>

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## **Lynn Davidson says**

Mitchell was a little boy who loved to knock things down. It was a messy problem, so one day his dad took him to the bowling ally for the first time. Mitchell discovered it wasn't always easy to knock things down. Fabulous, expressive illustrations.

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## **Ben Truong says**

*Mitchell Goes Bowling* is a children's picture book written by Hallie Durand and illustrated by Tony Fucile. It is a quaint and humorous book about a four-year-old boy first trip to a bowling alley with his father. It is the second book in the Mitchell series.

Durand's text is simplistic and straightforward. It is a charming book, which depicts a boy's new adventure at a bowling alley and spending quality time with his father. It put a smile on my face as I read the vicissitudes of his adventure at the bowling alley – and his victory dance. Fucile's illustrations are wonderfully depicted and capture the childlike innocence and fun that a bowling alley could offer a four-year-old.

The premise of the book is rather straightforward. It is about a boy named Mitchell, who is rambunctious and likes to knock things down. With that in mind, his father brings him to a place where he can knock down things to his heart's desire – a bowling alley. It is a quaint story about Mitchell and his discovery of a bowling alley and all the difficulties that come with bowling.

All in all, *Mitchell Goes Bowling* is a wonderful children's book about a boy, his father, and their adventures in a bowling alley.

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## **Richie Partington says**

Richie's Picks: MITCHELL GOES BOWLING by Hallie Durand and Tony Fucile, ill., Candlewick, September 2013, 40p., ISBN: 978-0-7636-6049-9

"Just keep your eye on the ball, Barney boy."

-- Fred Flintstone, on his way to converting a 7-10 split

"More than 20,000 people are treated in emergency rooms each year from injuries suffered at bowling alleys, according to the U.S. Product Safety Commission.

"Injuries range from frequent bowlers suffering tissue damage to kids getting smashed by the heavy ball.

"Here's a common sight at the local alley: The bowler is talking away with someone but has a hand down to catch the ball coming back on the automatic ball return. Paying no attention, eyes elsewhere, the bowler fails to see the ball pop up.

"Happens all the time,' said Virginia Norton, a former Brunswick Corp. consultant and widely known as one of the area's premier bowling instructors. 'I've seen smashed fingers, broken fingers, broken wrists, just from people not paying attention.

"But smashed faces? Oh yes, she says: "Mostly kids. They put their face right into the return; they're so eager to see their ball come back."

-- Jerry Hicks, LA Times, "Bowling Can Do a Number on Your Body"

"Mitchell ALWAYS knocked things down. That's just how he rolled. He even tried to knock down his dad... (SLAM!)

"But one Saturday when Mitchell was doing his thing, his dad caught him and put him in the car.

"Mitchell didn't know where they were going, but when they got there, he felt right at home.

"There were lots of brightly colored balls, a good pizza smell, and giant crashing noises."

Uh-oh! I just got a dozen pages into this story, and there's Mitchell with his face right down in the ball return! Fortunately, he has good reflexes and dives out of the way (into Dad's arms) when the ball pops out at him.

But Mitchell suffers a growing frustration because his dad has the bowling thing down -- scoring strike after strike (X after X on the scoring screen) -- while Mitchell is doing his best to avoid gutter balls, and is struggling to knock down more than two or three pins at a time. (This, after his acrobatics send the neighboring bowlers scurrying for a new lane elsewhere.)

Fortunately, Dad recognizes that having himself and Mitchell be bowling partners (on the same team) will ease the frustration and make for a more positively memorable experience.

Bowling can, indeed, be a fun social activity. Growing up on Long Island, there were bowling alleys everywhere. I have lots of long-ago memories of bowling with my family and our Sicilian relatives, of bowling with my friends on Saturday afternoons, bowling with high school girlfriends, and lots of experience watching "real" bowlers with their smooth moves and precision. (One of the funnest convention-related publisher parties I've ever attended involved a bowling alley, a bunch of friends -- which, I recall, included Candy and Eric and Yuyi -- and some great refreshments.)

MITCHELL GOES BOWLING is a great introduction to bowling for kids who have never had the opportunity to rent a pair of funny-colored two-tone shoes and send a heavy ball rolling down a lane.

But just keep your face out of that ball return!

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