

“Once upon my blanket, my legs waved in the air. Bending, wiggling, wagging, not going anywhere. Once upon my bottom, my legs stayed on the floor. Unless I toppled backwards, then they... waved around some more!”

*Once Upon My Legs* is a gentle rhyming story that follows four babies as they explore their world around them.

Published by Raising Literacy Australia publishing house, Little Book Press, the story celebrates the milestones of children as they grow up.

Author Mike Dumbleton said the story reminds parents to enjoy these little moments with their children.

“Parents will recognise and appreciate the different milestones that children go through as they find their feet,” he said.

“As the children develop new capabilities, the parents experience new challenges! But every stage can be enjoyed and celebrated.

“It’s a story that all parents and children can relate to. The significance of different parts of the story will change as the child progresses from lying down to climbing and running.

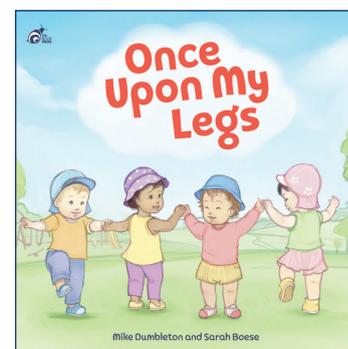
“They will see their own achievements reflected at each stage of the story.”

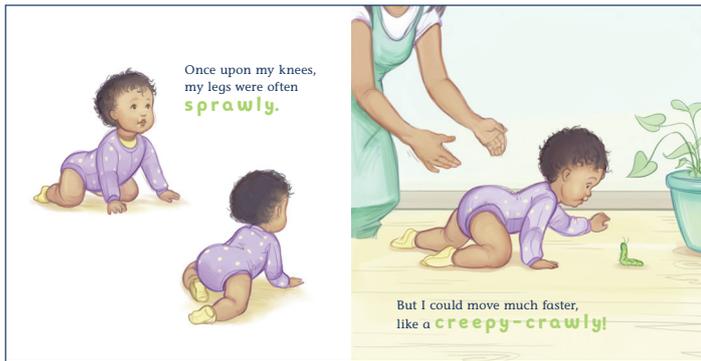
Wonderful illustrations by Sarah Boese bring the four babies in *Once Upon My Legs* to life.

Mike said a special treat in the illustrations is a cheeky cat, who appears on several pages and “manages to stay out of the reach of the increasingly energetic children!”

Raising Literacy Australia CEO, Sue Hill, said *Once Upon My Legs* helps children understand their body, how it moves and the different movements they are learning as they grow up.

“Babies and children need to hear people talk to them about what they are seeing and experiencing, for their brains to fully develop language skills,” Ms Hill said.





“The rhythmic pattern of *Once Upon My Legs* is perfect for young children. It helps them learn about actions like bending, wiggling and running, which they can have fun doing while reading the story.”

*Once Upon My Legs* is one of five new titles from Little Book Press. Other new titles include *Sing With Me* a nurse rhyme buggy board book, *Food, Me and ABC*, a new picture book designed in conjunction with SA Health to support food literacy, *The Hip Hop Barn* by Phil Cummings and Mandy Foot, and *My Teeth* by Danny Snell.

The five new titles will be included in the Raising Literacy Australia’s 2020 Reading Pack program.

Celebrating 15 years of helping SA families, Raising Literacy Australia will distribute another 65,000 reading packs in 2020 to families with a baby, toddler or preschool aged child.

To buy your copy of *Once Upon My Legs* visit the Little Book Press website at [www.littlebookpress.com.au](http://www.littlebookpress.com.au)

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