

Announcing the arrival of *Little Loon and Papa*

A picture book that introduces children to the wonder of loons



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It's time for diving lessons, but Little Loon is timid. When Papa shows him how to squeeze air out, tuck his feathers tight, and zip, disappear from sight, Little Loon rushes away. But then—WHACK, WHAP, CRASH—things become even more startling when Papa's not close by. And as Little Loon hears the reassuring call of his father, he's finally ready to take his first dive.

This warm, generous tale of fatherly guidance and support is just right for young readers on the verge of learning something new.

“The staccato text is filled with alliteration and rhythmic sound effects, and the soft, jewel-toned illustrations evoke the splendor of the north woods”—*School Library Journal*



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Author **Toni Buzzeo** draws on her love of the loons on Rangeley Lake in Maine combined with her knowledge of the fears of young ones faced with a new challenge—and not quite ready to trust their fathers to know best. **Toni** can be reached at www.tonibuzzeo.com

California illustrator **Margaret Spengler** brings the characters to life in rich, color-drenched pastels.

“Spengler’s warm pastels capture the cheeky loon’s every emotion: his initial reluctance to dive, his brief frights by the noisy (but non-threatening) creatures he encounters and his triumphant reunion with his father”—*Publishers Weekly*

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