

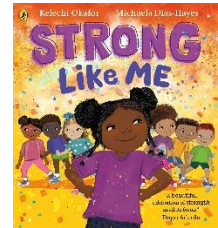


Our Best Picture Book 2025

Reading the shortlisted books at home

Strong Like Me

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The Our Best Picture Book shortlisted books are for you and your child to read and enjoy together. So, find a comfortable and quiet place to read the book either to your child, or with them. ☺

The main thing is that you have fun! You can discuss the pictures, enjoy the story, predict what might happen next and use different voices for the characters! Use some of the prompts, questions and activities below to make the most of having this exciting new book at home to share together!

Before you start reading the book together...

- Read the title and author.
- What do you think this book might be about?

During reading...

- Talk about the pictures.
- What do you think will happen next?

After reading...

- Can you think of all the different ways Kamara was strong in her story?
- Why do you think...happened?

Some questions you can ask your child about this book...

- What do you think your 'special' thing is?
- Kamara's family call her 'Super Baby'. What is your family's nickname for you?

Praise your child...

- *I agree. I also think your 'special' thing is...*
- *I like how you...*

Follow up activities to try at home...

- Learn about some of the strong Black women mentioned at the back of the book. You could watch videos of Simone Biles' gymnastics routines or read about her in books like the *Little People, Big Dreams* series.
- Have a go at some sports day activities like jumping, climbing, lifting, throwing or racing like Kamara and her friends.

Here is a link to the author reading this book for you to listen to and watch together:

