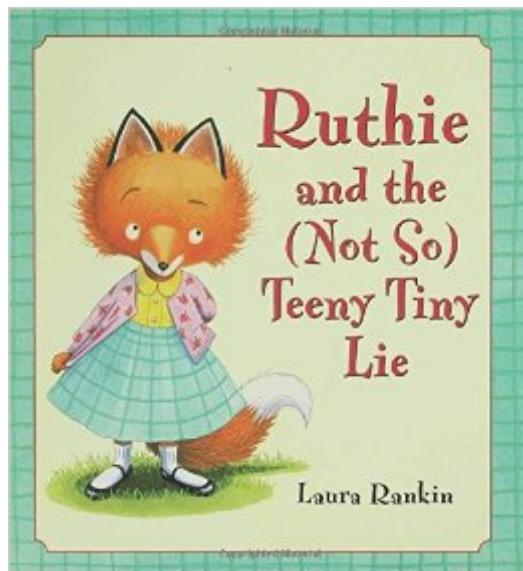


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# Ruthie And The (Not So) Teeny Tiny Lie



## **Synopsis**

Ruthie loves little things-the smaller the better. So when she finds a teeny tiny camera on the school playground one afternoon, she can hardly believe her luck. She wants to keep the camera in the worst way, but there's one little problem: It isn't hers. Ruthie swears to her teacher and to her classmate Martin that she got the camera for her birthday. But deep down, Ruthie knows better, and all day long that teeny tiny camera weighs on her conscience until she can hardly stand it. How could one little camera turn into such a great big problem? Laura Rankin touches on an important childhood issue with gentleness and humor, offering a reassuring look at how standing up for the truth can help cut even the biggest mistake down to size.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 3 - 6 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

The book begins "Ruthie loved tiny things..." When she finds a tiny camera at the playground, she loves it so much that she refuses to give it back to her friend Martin, who claims it's his. An argument ensues. Ruthie says "It's mine." "Give it to me," said Martin. "It's mine!" "It is not!" exclaims Ruthie. "Is too!" Martin insists. This is classic repertoire between two squabbling children. Ruthie runs to her teacher and lies about getting the camera for her birthday. Later on, she begins to feel miserable. She tells her parents what happened. They encourage her to "do the right thing." The next day,

Ruthie admits that the camera isn't hers. The teacher understands. Martin understands. And the story ends happily. A cute story with an important message. I've read it to children as young as age 3.

I'm a school counselor and find this book so useful for teaching kids in a fun way that the truth is so important. The story is sweet but makes an impact that a lie is a lie and makes you feel badly till the truth comes out. The drawings are cute and keep their attention

My 5 year old daughter, who had started telling some tall tales, absolutely loves this book. I got her this book and the classic Boy Who Cried Wolf, hoping to nip the lies in the bud, and this is the one she asks to read. I highly recommend it.

My 4 year old son absolutely adores this book. He reads it at least once a day and his new way to tell us he's hungry is saying "my stomach is flip-flopping!" (Ruthie's stomach does flip-flops after she tells a lie.) The illustrations are very cute and I love the foxes especially. For a very long time though, my son didn't "get" that Ruthie was telling a lie about the camera being hers. He felt that, "she found it, it's hers." He's on the autism spectrum and ridiculously literal, so we had a hard time explaining that no, the camera was Martin's and Ruthie lied about it because she wanted to keep it. Normal kids might understand this concept, but my son didn't. It took a few weeks of consistently explaining for him to "get" it. (And I'm not sure he really does yet.) It's not going to win any awards, but it's not the worst children's book I've ever read. And it's pretty solidly written.

This is really a heartwarming story. Both children and adults will love it for the message it sends and for the adorable characters and story. One of my 4-year old's favorites and mine too!

Bought this for our son so we could have another book to talk about lying and stealing, other than the Boy Who Cried Wolf which is great in theory but apparently no longer culturally relevant in our world (he was just confused I think as to why a little boy was watching a bunch of sheep and why he was in so much trouble for getting them eaten up. We did explain, but again, I think the concept is lost on him since he has never seen a shepherd and can't imagine a child in charge of anything extremely important). In any case, this book is very cute and it got the point across that taking something that isn't ours is not only not nice, but also makes us feel bad inside, which I think is a much better way to go about it at an early age than the pure "it gets you into trouble" thing. Intrinsic

vs Extrinsic motivation to do the right thing!

This is a great book for preschool- and school-aged children just learning the value of truth. My four-year-old son is learning the concept of lies vs. truth, and this book really hit home with him. When Ruthie tells a lie so she can keep something that isn't really hers, she feels horribly guilty about it all night long. The next day, she is terrified to confront her teacher and classmate, but she finds the courage to do it anyway, and instantly feels better about it. My boy really "gets" the moral of the story, and is going through that phase where he starts pointing out truths and lies. He's even made a point of putting it into action, knowing full well certain privileges may disappear when he admits to naughtiness, but also knowing it's the right thing to do and that he, like Ruthie, will feel better about it. The beautiful illustrations and simple story combine to create a very excellent children's book.

This book has such a great moral. The little Ruthie finds a toy that she really wants to pretend is hers, even when the actual owner says it's his. She tells a lie and feels very guilty. She confesses to her parents and gains the courage to tell her teacher and return the toy. It's very sweet and gives kids a good message.

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