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I Scream, Ice Cream!: A Book of Wordles

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This book has no cohesive plot and instead conglomerates a series of “wordles,” a term for homophonetic phrases such as “Heroes” and “He rows.” In this sense, *I Scream* is not a story but a list of common homophones unique to the English language. Because of this framework, the book seems overly eclectic and messy—including its illustrations. The images come from a variety of mediums such as drawings and photographs in addition to a variety of inspirations including fairy tales and nature. While the content of the book might prove useful as a resource for teaching homophones, it is mostly void of meaning and value.

Not Recommended

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