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## Review of *I Used to be Afraid* by Laura Vaccaro Seeger,

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**I used to be Afraid**

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro

New York: Neal Porter/Roaring Book Press, 2015

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A little girl recites a list of fears she has (mostly) outgrown--from a fear of spiders to being alone. The format of the textured illustrations is clever, taking a cut out window of her fear and transforming it into something else on the next page, helping to emphasize the idea of her transformed outlook. Despite some clever imagery and funny lines, this is not particularly clever book. While there are many better books that deal with the subject of fears and anxiety, this book could be good to use with very young children ages 2-4 who struggle with fears.

**Optional.** *Sharon Tapia, Centennial Library Intern, Cedarville University*