Ella Sarah Gets Dressed by Margaret Chodos-Irvine

A Humorous Reminder For Parents To Pick Your Battles

Ella Sarah may be little, but she has a BIG sense of style--and it isn't at all like that of her mother, father, and older sister. Yet they all want her to dress just like them! Ella Sarah will have none of it--and when her flamboyantly dressed friends arrive, it's clear that Ella Sarah's favorite outfit is just right for her.

Margaret Chodos-Irvin's spirited story will gently nudge young children toward independence--providing plenty of exuberant colors and patterns to identify along the way.

My Personal Review:
Ella Sarah is a little girl, probably about three or four years old, who definitely has her own sense of style. One day she decides she wants to wear pink polka dot pants, a dress with orange and green flowers, purple and blue striped socks, yellow shoes and a red hat—all at the same time.

Her mom, dad and older sister each try to get her to wear clothes that match, but Ella Sarah stands her ground. She dresses herself and is proud of the outfit she has assembled. Later, when her friends come over to play, each of them is attired in his or her own less-than-perfectly matched ensembles.

Parents who insist their children wear clothes that match should avoid letting their children read this book. Open-minded and nurturing parents, however, will enjoy sharing this fun story with their children. The brightly colored pictures are visually stimulating and will keep young children interested. They will also learn about colors and naming the different articles of clothing.

This book fosters decision-making skills and independence. Letting children express their individuality early in life will help them learn more about who they are as a person. In the long run, they will be better able to make important decisions as they grow up instead of being totally dependent on others.
Ella Sarah Gets Dressed is a cute story that also provides an important lesson for both parents and children.

Armchair Interviews says: The early life of a fashionista!

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