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## Readalongs Rock!

### ***Ivy Rose Cardillo discovers how important (and cool!) our mission is***

*I've been working as a nanny, and the majority of my time is spent playing with a four-year-old girl - a spirited individual with a wild imagination. The family has a pretty strict no-screen policy and so she receives most of her storytelling from books. When we started reading together, I immediately recognized her desire to be actively involved in the process: she wanted to turn the page, often much too soon; she identified letters she recognized; she spoke words she knew from having heard the stories many times. **She was at that point where she wanted so badly to read--but she just wasn't there yet.** I wondered: what could I do to help?*

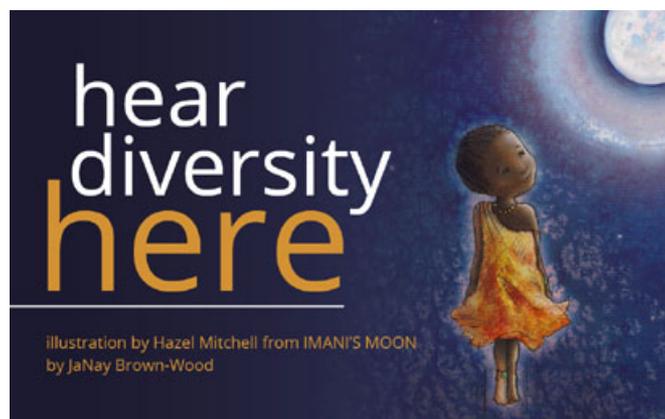
*Then it dawned on me: this is what my parents DO. I asked them to send a few of the Live Oak Media bestsellers for someone on the cusp of literary transformation. The day they arrived, we sat down with my personal favorite, [Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse](#).) **She was immediately excited by the integration of a CD into our reading time** – although not clear about how it would tie in with the book - and insisted on being in charge of the player setup.*

*We snuggled on the couch and I handed her the book and pressed "play". **As the sound filled the room, her excitement was tangible.** When the narrator prompted us, we turned to the first page of the story. The first line was read, a pause, and then came the "page turn" signal. She looked up at me as if asking for permission to try this incredibly new and exciting treat. 'That means you can turn the page!' I said, and she whipped to page two. **She was sold!***

*I sat with her as she felt the excitement and control of knowing, independently, when to turn the page over and over again. It quickly became apparent that my presence was no longer needed. She could, for the first time, sit alone and read. **She could become tied up in a story, enjoying the characters, the setting, and the sounds entirely by herself: a wonderful new reading adventure!***

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