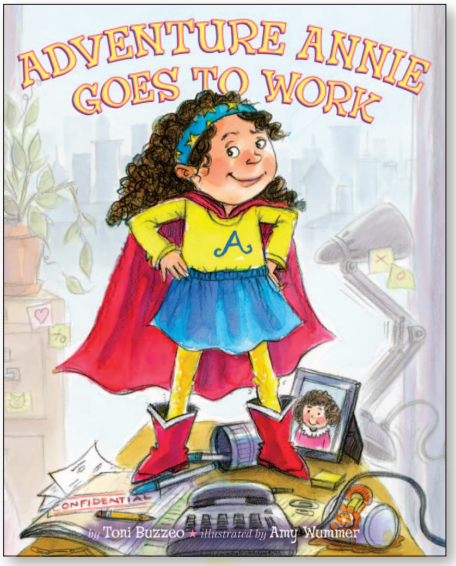
ADVENTURE ANNIE

Kid's Activity Guide for
ADVENTURE ANNIE GOES TO WORK
A Picture Book by Toni Buzzeo



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"A strong mother-and-daughter story with an exuberant lead, this uplifting selection is full of everyday fun as well as being a nice depiction of the usefulness of organizational and map-making skills. A winning choice for both classroom and home."
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HI KIDS!
It's me, Adventure Annie! If you have read ADVENTURE ANNIE GOES TO WORK by Toni Buzzeo, then you know I got bad news on my Adventure Annie Saturday. My mommy's big report was missing and we had to go to her office—ON A SATURDAY!—instead of having our planned adventure.

A Big Report Treasure Hunt? Not my idea of fun. But sometimes, you have to help your mom out. So I did. Adventure Annie to the Rescue!

If you've ever have to go with your Mom to her work—I've got some ideas to turn it into an adventure.

Have fun!
Annie Grace (aka Adventure Annie)

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CHOOSING YOUR SUPERHERO NAME

The "A" on the front of my costume stands for both "Adventure" and "Annie." You can create your own superhero name by choosing a word that begins with the same letter as your name, a word that rhymes with your name, or just a word that sounds great with your name. Put that word together with your name and presto, you have a superhero name. For example, if your name is Sam or Samantha, you could be Super Sam, Wham Bam Sam, or Sam Supreme.

Add that name to your costume by sewing, coloring with a marker on an old t-shirt, or cutting the name out of paper and pinning it on.

Super heroes to the rescue!
Annie Grace (aka Adventure Annie)

DRESS LIKE A SUPERHERO

Want to have a superhero costume like my Adventure Annie costume? If your mom or dad likes to sew, you could ask for your own cape like mine. But don't worry if they can't make you one. A bath towel works too. Have someone help you pin a star (or something you think of all by yourself) to the back. Belts, tights, boots, headbands, and funny hats can also help build your superhero costume. Mix things up and see what you like best.

You'll look great!
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MAZE

Here I am at Mommy's work. The big report is missing here somewhere. Can you help me to find it?

Good luck!
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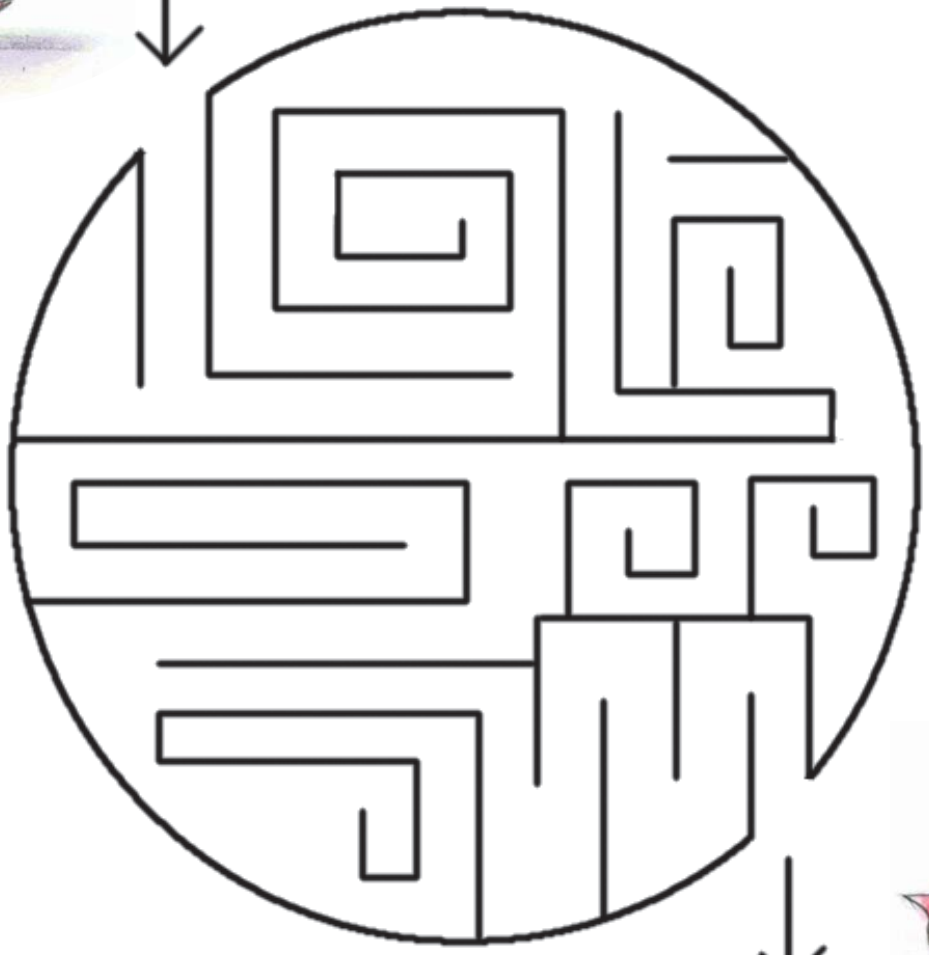
Start



Finish

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THE MAP THAT'S IN MY MIND

When the big report was missing, I decided the best place to start the search was to draw a big map of the whole office. Can you draw a map of your mom's office as if you were on the ceiling looking down? Draw all the important things like doors, windows, chairs, and other landmarks. If you run out of paper, just tape a new piece of paper on like I did!

Happy mapping!
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TREASURE HUNT

Maybe you and your mom could create a treasure hunt at her office like my Big Report Treasure Hunt.

Figure out with your mom what you are looking for and then have her create secret clues that lead you on a dash around the office looking for the treasure.

Of course, you'll want to be careful not to disturb anything in the office while you are looking for the treasure. I wasn't very good at following that rule last time, but I will be next time, I think.

Hope you find the treasure!
Annie Grace (aka Adventure Annie)

ASK YOUR MOM TO MAKE A STACK OF CLUES LIKE THIS:

CLUE 1 Behind the door right in this room Clue 2 is taped; you'll find it soon.
CLUE 2 Check underneath each chair you see. You'll quickly find Clue number 3.

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ALPHABET SEARCH

An alphabet search is another kind of treasure hunt. Ask your mom to make you a set of 26 alphabet cards—one for each letter of the alphabet. She can use big index cards (my mom says she uses 5" x 8" cards). To start the search, look for as many things as you can find that start with each letter of the alphabet and write them down on the cards. Here's one hint: Stapler starts with S. Here's another hint: Paper Clip starts with P (or you can put it on the C card too).

Good luck finding Q and Z!
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OTHER BOOKS ABOUT WORKING MOMS

Sometimes when my mom or dad reads me a book, I like to find other books about the same topic. One big topic of Adventure Annie Goes to Work is working moms. Below are some of my favorite books about working moms.

My mom says your mom might also want to check out The Rutgers University Project on Economics and Children where there are great ideas for using children's literature to introduce economics to kids like us!
http://econkids.rutgers.edu

Cuddle up and read!
Annie Grace (aka Adventure Annie)

OTHER BOOKS ABOUT WORKING MOMS

BY THE DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT by Karen Ackerman
A CHAIR FOR MY MOTHER by Vera B. Williams
DON'T FORGET I LOVE YOU by Miriam Moss
COMING ON HOME SOON by Jacqueline Woodson
MAMA ALWAYS COMES HOME by Karma Wilson
MAMA, I'LL GIVE YOU THE WORLD by Roni Schotter
MAMA'S COMING HOME by Kate Banks
MOMMY'S BRIEFCASE by Alice Low
MY MOM IS A FIREFIGHTER by Lois G. Grambling
MY MUM GOES TO WORK by Kes Gray
MY WORKING MOM by Peter Glassman
OH MY BABY, LITTLE ONE by Kathi Appelt
POOR MONTY by Anne Fine
RED LIGHT, GREEN LIGHT, MAMA AND ME by Cari Best
WHEN MAMA COMES HOME TONIGHT by Eileen Spinelli

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