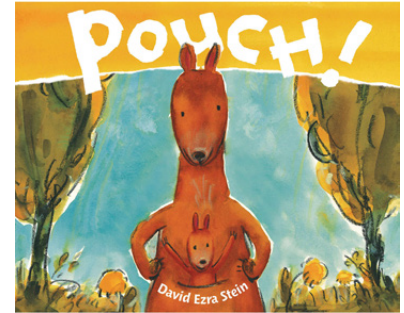


Pouch!

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Questions

- Joey wants to be big. What does he want to do? Can you do that?
- What can you do now that you couldn't do when you were a baby?
- Something scared Joey in this book. What was it? What scares you? How do you feel better when you're scared?

Activities

Animal Moves

How do other animals move? Have your child practice the movement. Play a game of charades using animal movements. Have your child move and see if you can guess what animal it is. You do it, too! Can your child guess what animal you are? Talk about movement words like “wiggle,” “slither,” “crouch,” or “lumbering.” Another book that has wonderful movement words is Jan Brett's *The Mitten*. See if you can do all the movements in the book.

What's in the Pouch?

Using a hoodie with a front pocket or just a big pair of sweatpants, have your child hide something in her pouch and see if you can guess what it is. Have her give you clues. You can show her how to do it by doing it yourself first. (It's something I wear on my head and it's blue.) You can also use stuffed animals and pretend your child is a mama kangaroo with her joey.

More Books to Explore!

- *Tiny T. Rex and the Impossible Hug* by Jonathan Stutzman
- *Grumpy Monkey* by Suzanne Lang
- *A House for Hermit Crab* by Eric Carle
- *Mommies Say Shhh!* by Patricia Polacco