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## **Acknowledgements**

*For Darrell and Joshua with all my love, Mommy  
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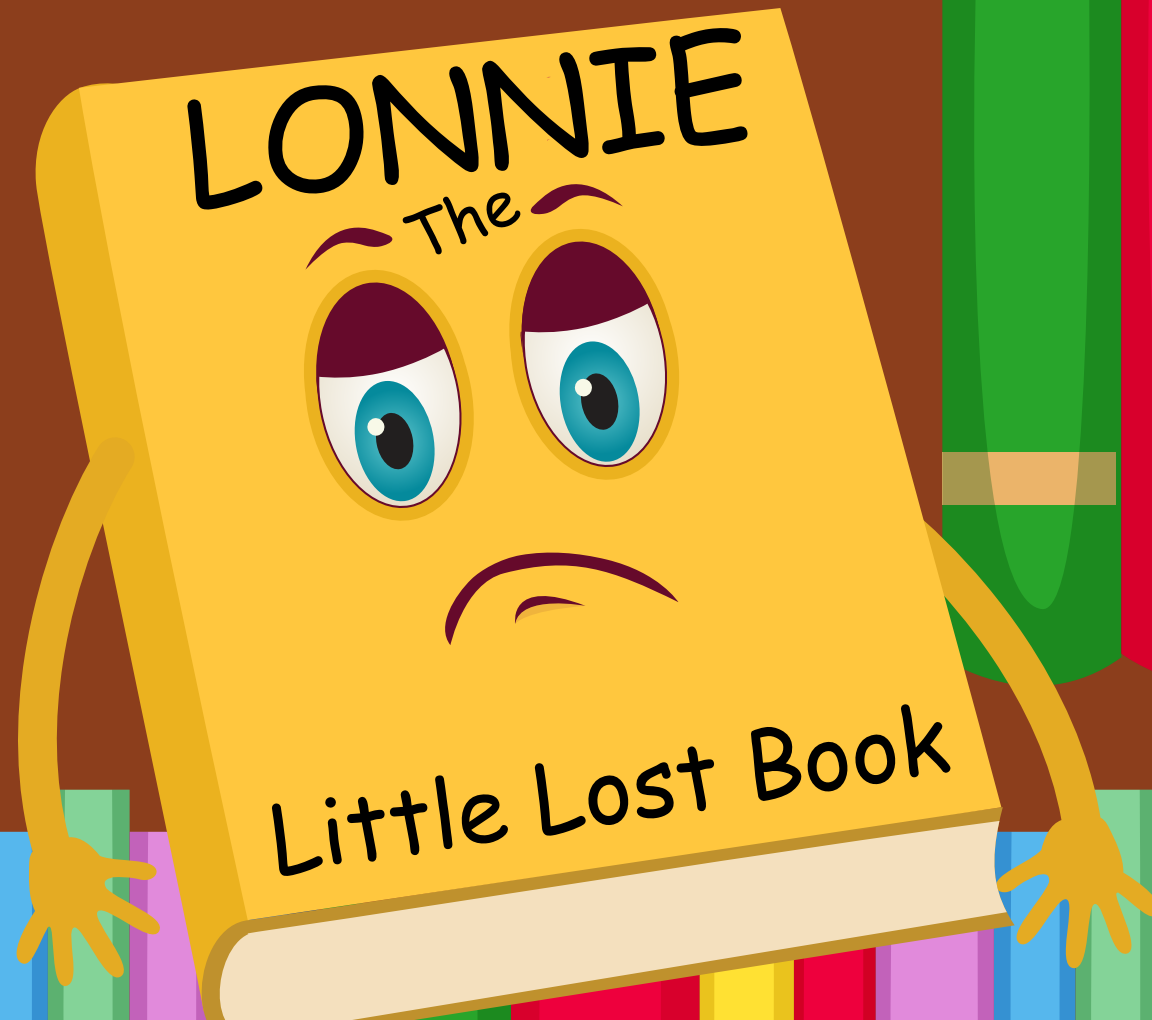
**Hi, my name is Lionel, but my friends  
call me Lonnie. Nice to meet you!**

**Can you guess what I am?**

You are right!



You know what else?  
I am very sad today.



I can't find my way to my special place in my house. Can you help me find my way?



Place your hand  
over my heart  
and say  
“Yes! I will help!”

**At my house, my special place is on a shelf that I share with my sister Ori, just like you may share your bedroom with your brother or sister.**

**My sister Ori and I have lots of fun at our house.**





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**I'm sure you like to be at your house too, but you don't want to sleep in the kitchen do you?**

**Of course you don't!**

**Do you like stars? On  
my pages, I have fun  
information about  
stars. I love stars.  
Bright stars, little  
stars, golden stars  
and sticker stars.**



I think stars are so beautiful.

Do you know stars can help you find your way home at night?

On a clear night, you can look up into the sky and see the North Star.



**It's a bright star that is right next to a family of stars called the Big Dipper. It is easy to see stars when you are out camping in the woods or when the sky is clear at night.**

One day, a little boy named Clifford checks me out of the library to take me camping in his backyard with his big brother Dave.

Clifford reads me and he is so excited when the stars on my pages match the stars he sees in the sky.



**We have so much fun together, but when it is time to go inside, Clifford forgets me outside on the ground! It starts to rain.**



**The rain makes mud  
and the yucky mud covers my pages.**

**When it is morning, I hope that Clifford  
will remember me and bring me inside.  
But when the door opens, it is his pet dog  
Spikey!**





**Spikey sniffs me and pushes me around with his big paws. Now I am covered in paw prints and mud! All I want is to be in my room at home. My sister Ori must be worried that I'm not back yet. I was due back at my house yesterday.**



**Ori is my big sister who is always right next to me. She has the brightest smile when her pages are open. Ori knows how to make stars with sheets of paper.**

“Fold left!” she sings  
while dancing, and then,  
“Fold right!” while she  
twirls in circles. I think  
she likes dancing and  
singing more than  
making stars  
but don’t tell  
her I said that.



Finally, I hear the door and it is Clifford.  
He throws me in his green and white  
backpack.



We have a bumpy bus ride and I am tossed all around but finally Clifford pulls me out of his backpack and runs up the steps to the library.



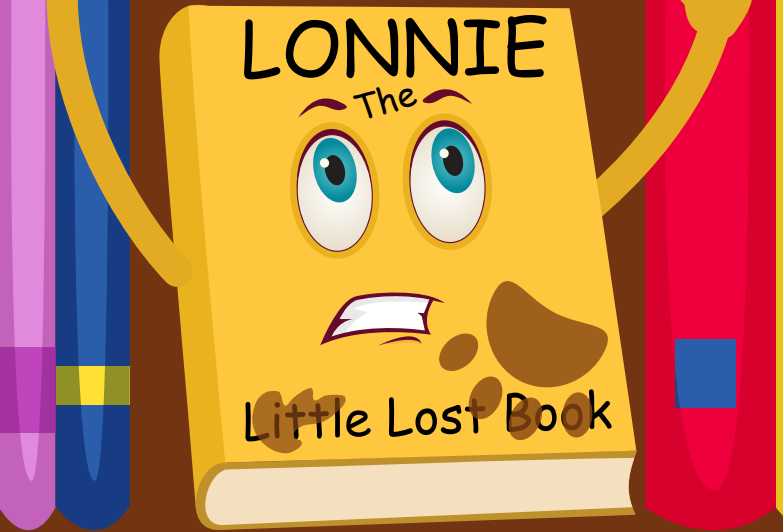
He runs into the library and sets me down  
but I don't know where I am.



That's why I need your help. It's hard to see with all of this mud over my eye.

Could you wipe my eyes?







**Thanks, I can see better now. Wait a minute. I don't see Ori. I don't hear her singing? I don't see Ori dancing? Where am I? I don't know any of these books around me on this shelf. How will I get back to my special place?**

**I know how you can help me!**

**Do you know the teacher's name that is in charge of the books? Can you say it? Can you say it even louder? Wow! That was great. I think she heard you. The teacher heard you! They are coming to get me!**



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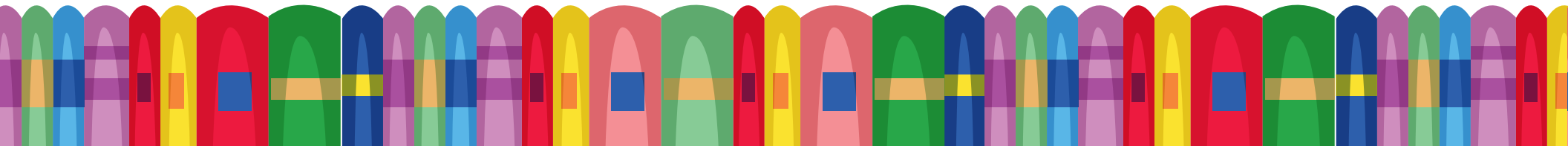



**The teacher is going to bring me to a different place for a little while to fix me up and get me all cleaned. It's okay. I promise they will take good care of me.**

**Clifford didn't take very good care of me. He left me outside and let my pages get torn and dirty. Then he left me on the wrong shelf. Thank you for saving me and helping me get home. Just by bringing me to the teacher you are making sure I'm taken care of. You are my hero.**

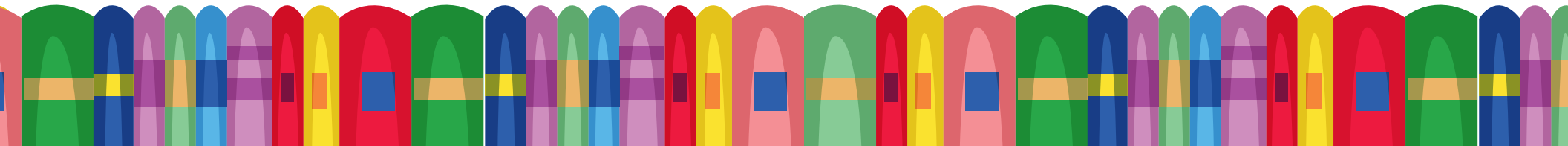


**Here's how you can always be a Book Hero. When you bring me or any book back to the library, first, be sure you check us in. Ask the teacher to show you how to check in books. That way, the library teacher knows that I am home. Next, you can bring me to a special cart or special shelf and someone will bring me to my special place.**





**One more thing, it's really important.  
All of us books want to be around a long  
time so we can show lots of boys and girls  
about stars and other fun things. Will you  
tell your friends that you are a Book Hero  
and that they can be a Book Hero too?  
Great!**



**Do you see where you should put me  
when you bring me back to the library?  
Yes! That's it! Now I'm headed to being  
right where I belong.**

**Ori is singing and dancing and telling  
everyone how to make origami stars  
with pretty blue paper and it's all  
because of you. Celebrate with me!  
Shout Hooray! Shout Hooray**





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**Thank you! I have a big smile now.  
I am so happy to be back home and in  
my special place.**



**I'm a happy book when I'm home with you  
Being read, hearing laughs and learning new things too  
But when our fun is done  
And it's time for me to go  
Remember, walk and don't run  
Take your time quiet and slow  
Find the special place where I belong  
Or ask the teacher how to help me find my home  
Your friend,  
Lonnie**

**The End**



**Join us on an adventure with a Lonnie. He has to get back home and needs your help! He's lost and all he wants is to be back home in his special place with his sister Ori. Learn how to help Lonnie and others and be the Book Hero!**



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