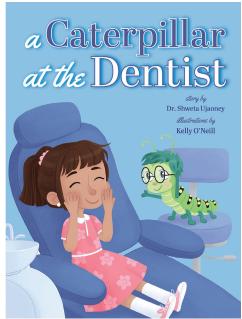
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Ira is nervous about her dentist visit!

She's never had a filling before. When Ira meets Zack, a talking caterpillar, in the dentist's waiting room, Zack knows just how to make her feel better. Zack will explain that the dentist's tools are simple, harmless objects used in everyday life. Through their imagination, Ira will learn to understand the nature and importance of getting a filling.



About the Author

Dr. Shweta Ujaoney is passionate about working with kids and giving them a better dental experience. Through her dental practice, she has found that kids love to learn about the dental gadgets and be active participants in treatment. Dr. Ujaoney believes that kids try to make sense of the world through their own imaginative eyes. Currently, Dr. Ujaoney works at a private dental practice and teaches at Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Dentistry in Richmond, VA. She is the mother of a six-year-old girl, and they have experienced firsthand the anxiety that can develop before dental procedures.

About the Illustrator

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