

WILLIE'S MAGIC GLASSES

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TO PARENTS AND EDUCATORS

Willie's Magic Glasses is a story that shows children the effects of different perspectives on their lives in a simple, visual and playful way. In Willie's story, they will be able to observe how everyone can change how their day is going depending on their perspective. In doing so, they will discover a very real "superpower" within themselves.

This ability to consciously choose a positive and constructive perspective is essential in life. For best development of this ability in children, we suggest repeating this exercise with them frequently in everyday situations. In this way, children will quickly realize that they also have this "superpower": the power to make decisions.

Enjoy reading Willie's story!

Yours truly, the pedagogical team at Schmetterline



This is Willie.
Like every child, Willie's eyes are wide open.
He can see a lot of colorful things with them!



Willie looks around in amazement and thinks:
Isn't it great that the world is so colorful?



Willie recently noticed something really wonderful:
He doesn't always see the world around him the same way.
He can even decide for himself how he wants to see the
world!

It's almost like he's wearing magic glasses.



Do you want to know how that works?
Would you like to see the world through Willie's magic glasses?



Sometimes Willie is happy.
When he's happy, he sees the world through his
yellow glasses.
Everything is bright and shiny, and Willie is, too!
Suddenly all he sees are nice things that make him happy.



He's happy when it's raining
because he can jump in puddles.



He's happy when the sun is shining
because he can play ball outside.



He's happy when it's cold
because he can drink hot chocolate.



He's happy when it's warm
because he can go swimming.



But sometimes Willie can be sad, too.
When he's sad, he sees the world through his
blue glasses.

He's disappointed by everything around him...
Suddenly all he sees are sad things that make him
complain.



He complains when it's raining because he can't play ball outside.



He complains when the sun is shining because he can't jump in puddles.



He complains when it's cold because he can't go swimming.



He complains when it's warm because he can't drink hot chocolate.



Sometimes Willie is brave.
When he's brave, he sees the world through his purple glasses.
Everything around him is bright and shiny purple!
Suddenly he sees so many new things that he wants to do!



He has the confidence to talk to a child he doesn't know because he likes to meet new people.



He's brave enough to climb a tall tree because he likes to see the world from up high.



He dares to ride a bike without training wheels because he likes to learn new things.



He's not afraid to lie in bed in a dark room because that's the way he sleeps best.



But sometimes Willie can be scared, too.
When he's scared, he sees the world through his
green glasses.

Everything around him seems so unsafe.
Suddenly all he sees are dangerous things that scare him.



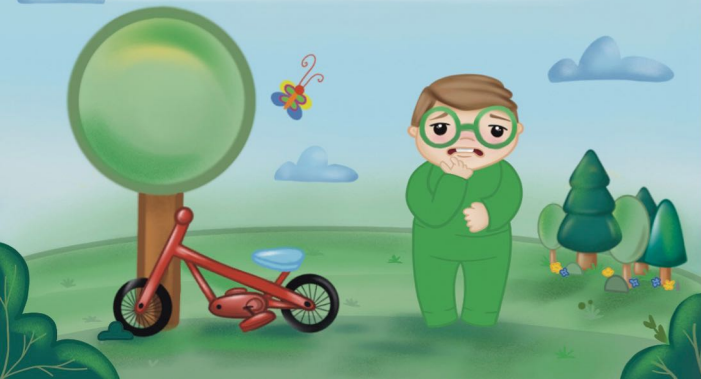
He's scared to talk to the child he doesn't know at the playground because Willie doesn't know if he's nice.



He's scared to climb the tall tree because he doesn't want to fall.



He's scared to ride a bike without training wheels because it looks so dangerous.



He's scared of lying in bed alone in the dark because he can't see anything.



Sometimes Willi is excited.
When he's excited, he sees the world through his
orange glasses.
Everything is bright and shiny orange!
Suddenly he sees so many new reasons to be excited!



He's excited when his tower keeps falling over because he can build it differently each time.



He's excited when his friend doesn't play like he does because he likes to learn new games.



He's excited when it's time to come home from the playground because he looks forward to being at home, too.



He's excited when his homework is hard because he loves solving difficult puzzles!



But sometimes Willie can be angry, too.
When he's angry, he sees the world through his
red glasses.

Now everything around him just seems to bother him.
Suddenly all he sees are reasons to get upset.



He's upset that his tower keeps falling over because nothing he tries works.



He's upset that his friend doesn't play like Willie does because then it's no fun.



He's upset that he has to go home because he wanted to stay at the playground longer.




He's upset that he has to do homework because it's too hard.




Did you see Willie's magic glasses?
Did you notice how the world changes depending on
how Willie looks at it?





When Willie is **happy**, he looks for nice things that make him happy.

When Willie is **sad**, he looks for sad things to complain about.



When Willie is **brave**, he looks for opportunities to try out new things.

When Willie is **scared**, he looks for dangerous things that scare him.

When Willie is **excited**, he looks for reasons to learn something new.

When Willie is **angry**, he looks for reasons to be upset.



But...there aren't actually magic glasses like Willie's, are there?

You know what? There's something even better than magic glasses: It's a real superpower! The power to make your own decisions about what to look at around you!



This is a real superpower that not only Willie has:
You have it, too.
That's right! You can also choose how to see the world.
Why don't you try it out right now?



Do you want to use your superpower and make a decision together with Willie?

Willie is at the playground. He's sitting in the sandbox and wants to build a giant sand castle.

He keeps trying, but it doesn't work. Suddenly it starts raining.



And now? What should Willie see around him?

Should he be **happy** because he can build a bigger castle with wet sand?

Should he **complain** because he'll probably have to go home immediately?

Should he **confidently** build a deep moat around the castle?

Should he be **scared** that everything is about to collapse?

Should he be **excited** because now he can also dig tunnels?

Should he be **upset** that the sand castle isn't very big yet?

Think about how your own story could continue and play act it!

We hope you have a lot of fun!



THE AUTHORS



Vanessa Hoffmann was born in Brazil in 1987. Many years later, her German roots brought her to Germany, where she eventually obtained her master's degree in communication studies. She is married to a Brazilian and has two children. For many years, Vanessa has been working on techniques for living happily and consciously. She applies what she has learned to raising her children consciously. As a co-owner of Schmetterline and Extasticks, she wants to offer not only her own children but also many others the opportunity to develop holistically with the help of educational toys. Her wish is for as many children as possible to be able to create a happy and fulfilling life for themselves.



Annette Häfele was born in Stuttgart in 1981. She is a mechanical engineer, the founder of Schmetterline, and the co-founder of Extasticks. She's traveled the world frequently since the age of 19. That's how she met her Argentinian husband. Their two children are growing up bilingual.

Annette's enthusiasm for education and for teaching pedagogical values that will help the generation of tomorrow create a happier, freer and more fulfilling future for themselves was already evident in her youth when she decided to do a voluntary social year in institutions for children in Ecuador. Since then, she has constantly searched for and found ways to make this wish a reality - for example in the educational content of the toys from Schmetterline and Extasticks.

About Schmetterline

The American toy brand Extasticks and its German partner brand Schmetterline were born out of the desire to offer playful learning and contact with natural and holistic values not only to our own children but to many children. This is our loving contribution toward a better world for the adults of tomorrow.

With our toys and play concepts, our goal is to promote social skills and values so that children can develop their individuality through fun and games and also be able to recognize their own radiance and personal strength.

You can find additional play concepts, songs and craft materials as well as our wonderful wooden toys and music instruments at our websites or our Instagram where we share ideas for play and educational content. There you'll also find the book "Willie's Colors", in which children can make more decisions along with Willie.



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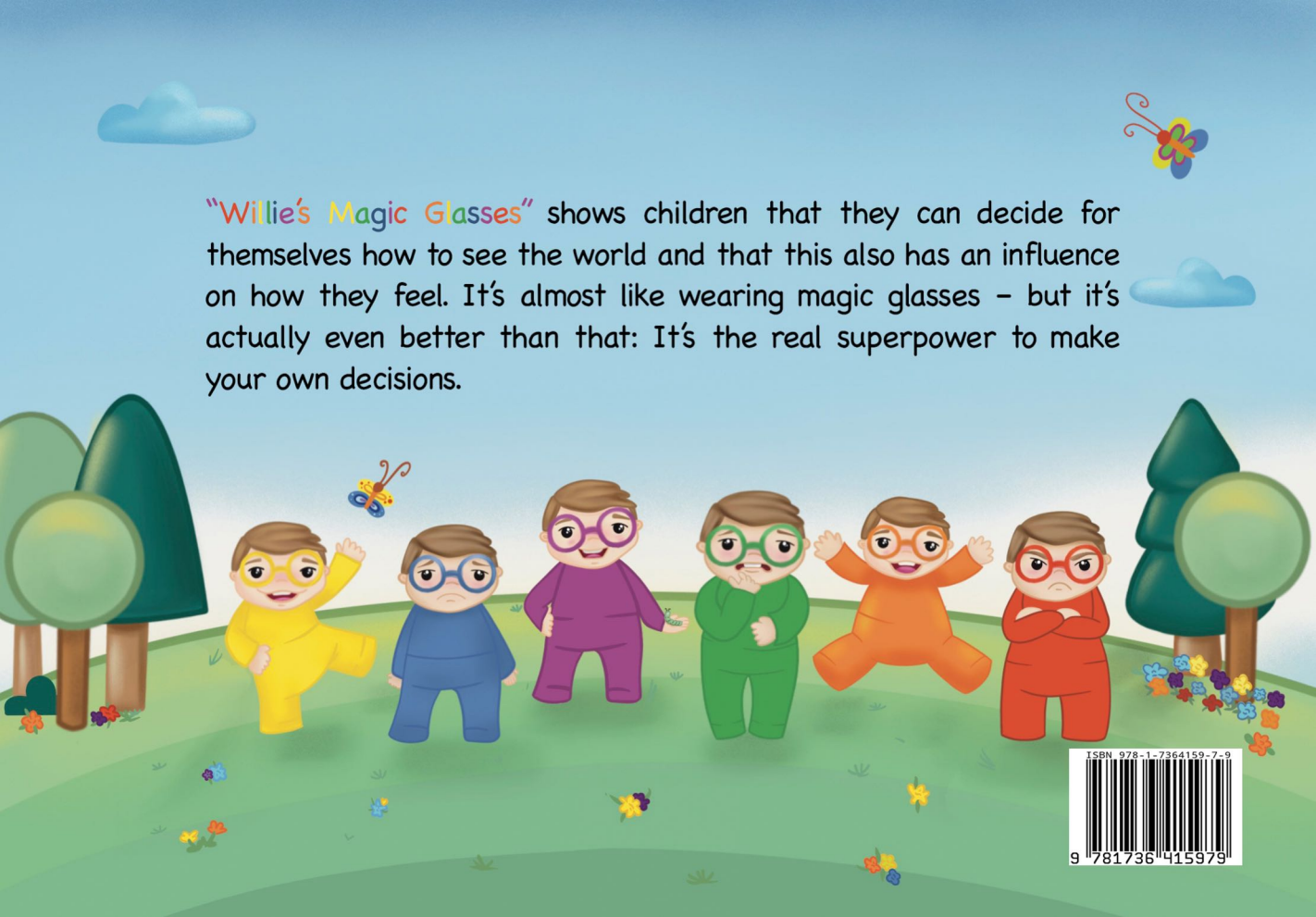
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"Willie's Magic Glasses" shows children that they can decide for themselves how to see the world and that this also has an influence on how they feel. It's almost like wearing magic glasses – but it's actually even better than that: It's the real superpower to make your own decisions.

