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First Friends: Shapes

Mk Smith Despres Aya Watanabe Barefoot Books (Nov 5, 2024) Hardcover \$8.99 (22pp) 979-888859226-7

Bright illustrations and simple text make this board book perfect for readers-in-progress. A diverse group of children enjoy a day at daycare surrounded by shapes: hearts, stars, squares, ovals, and even a rainbow arc are tucked into the illustrations, waiting to be called out. The bold colors are engaging, and the shapes stand out prominently within the illustrations. The result is a fun, achievable search-and-find book.

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