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# ABOUT THE BOOK

**A quirky, laugh-out-loud tale of friendship featuring a kooky, adorable fox from a talented new author-illustrator.**


Ooko has everything a fox could want: a stick, a leaf and a rock. Well, almost everything . . . Ooko wants someone to play with! The foxes in town always seem to be playing with their two-legged friends, the Debbies. Maybe if he tries to look like the other foxes, one of the Debbies will play with him too. But when Ooko finally finds his very own Debbie, things don't turn out quite as he had expected!

Ages: 3-7

Grades: Preschool-2



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ESMÉ SHAPIRO is the Debbie who wrote and illustrated this book. She grew up in Laurel Canyon, California, but currently lives in Brooklyn, New York, with her fox-like friend, Chebini Brown. She spends most of her time drawing and painting, having tea with friends and growing plants that sometimes end up taller than her. Esmé studied illustration at the Rhode Island School of Design. *Ooko* is her very first picture book. You can see more of her work at [www.esmeshapiro.com](http://www.esmeshapiro.com).







I am Ooko.  
I am a fox.



I live here, under this log.



I have a stick.



I have a leaf.



I have a rock.

## About Me

**Draw a self-portrait and fill in what you look like  
(be creative), where you live and what you like.**

I am

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I am a

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I live here

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I have a

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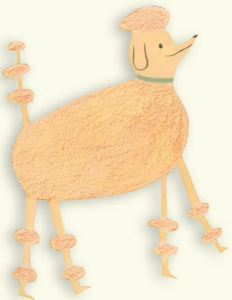
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Ooko thinks he has to look like the dogs to find a friend.

Help him play dress up by painting spots on him, gluing on something pink and fluffy, and adding big, floppy ears.



Does Ooko look irresistible now?



When Ooko meets Oomi,  
they play sticks.

**Make a list of all the wonderful things you and Ooko will do together when you finally meet.**

[illegible]



# Show what you know about foxes like Ooko by answering these questions.

You can pick more than one answer.

## Where does Ooko live?

- ☐ In an igloo
- ☐ Under a log
- ☐ On a tree branch
- ☐ At the beach
- ☐ With Debbie

## What does Ooko have?

- ☐ A stick
- ☐ A leaf
- ☐ A rock
- ☐ A flower
- ☐ A cookie

## Where does Ooko look for a friend?

- ☐ In the garden
- ☐ Under a moose
- ☐ In the lake
- ☐ On top of a tree
- ☐ In a hole

## What games do Ooko and his Debbie play?

- ☐ Brrr! Squeaky clean games
- ☐ Grrr! Itchy games
- ☐ Ooof! Heavy games
- ☐ Ewww! Stinky games
- ☐ Zzzz! Sleepy games



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