

The One and Only  
**Sparkella**

**STORYTIME KIT**

Host a virtual storytime with Sparkella (and her dad)!



This kit includes storytime virtual event suggestions, read-aloud tips, and reproducible activities.

# Host a Storytime!

## VIRTUAL EVENT SUGGESTIONS

- Encourage kids to get their glitter-glam on (boas, glittery glasses, and tutus are welcome).
- Set out snacks for the kids. Sprinkle sandwiches are Sparkella's favorite!
- Download a sparkly Zoom background at [bit.ly/OneAndOnlySparkella](https://bit.ly/OneAndOnlySparkella).
- Make copies of the activities in this booklet and provide markers and crayons.
- Share your favorite Sparkella activities and event photos with [#OneandOnlySparkella](https://twitter.com/OneandOnlySparkella) on social media!



## READ-ALoud TIPS

- Ask one person to read Sparkella's part and another to read her dad's.
- Break for a TINY DANCE party.
- Sparkella has many tiny rituals with her dad. Ask the storytime group about some of their family's favorite mini traditions.
- At one point in the book, Sparkella decides she wants to just be Ella and not stand out. Talk to the storytime group about why it's okay to stand out and what makes them sparkle!



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# Make Your Own Sparkly Name Tag!

Using a marker or crayon, write your name in the space below.

Then ask an adult to help you cut along the dotted lines.

Fold in the middle and you have your own place card!



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# This School Is A-maze-ing!

Help Sparkella find her backpack so she can start the day!



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# Glitter-fy Your Family!

In the frame below, draw your family in all their glittery glory.



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# Don't Let Anyone Dim Your Sparkle!

Color in the picture of Sparkella with your favorite sparkly pencils or crayons.



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# Help Sparkella Get Ready for School!

Match the images to the words for all the things Sparkella needs to bring to school.



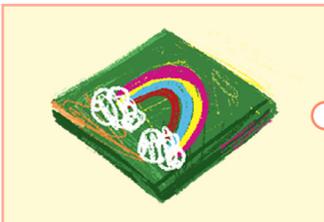
Shimmering Backpack



Glimmering Pencil Case



Glittery Ribbons



Star Notebook



Rainbow Coloring Book



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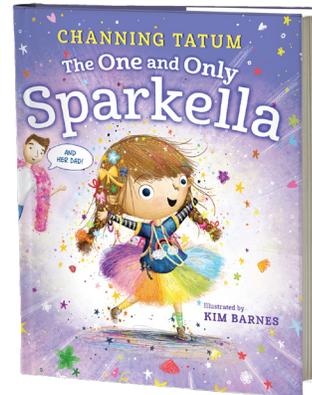
In this debut picture book from the actor, producer, and director Channing Tatum, a unique little girl has trouble fitting in at her new school, so her dad steps up to show her the importance of staying true to herself.

Ella is excited for her first day at a new school.

Glimmering pencil case? Check!

Shimmering backpack? Check!

Glittery ribbons in her hair? Check!



She can't wait to meet the other kids and share her sparkly personality. But her first day doesn't go quite as planned: Her new classmates don't like her disco-ball shoes, her PB&J-with-sprinkles sandwich, or her rainbow-y unicorn painting.

Ella decides to try to be less sparkly at school the next day so the other kids won't make fun of her. But with a little help from her dad, she soon learns the importance of just being herself, no matter what other people say.

*The One and Only Sparkella* is a charming ode to self-esteem and the love between a father and daughter.



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**Channing Tatum** has established himself as a leading actor, producer and now director with his debut film, *Dog*, which he is co-directing with his production partner, Reid Carolin. Together they founded their production company Free Association along with Peter Kiernan. Free Association has produced the 21 Jump Street and Magic Mike franchises. They also produce the worldwide stage experience *Magic Mike Live*, which premiered in Las Vegas and expanded to London, Berlin, and Australia. However, his favorite role to date is being a father to his six-year-old daughter, Everly, who loves sparkly, rainbow-y things. He currently resides in Los Angeles.



## ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

**Kim Barnes** lives on the Isle of Wight with her partner and two children, Leo and Cameo, who greatly inspire her work. She graduated from Lincoln University, England, and has drawn ever since she was a young child.

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