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## Afraid of the Light: A Story about Facing Your Fears

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In this quirky picture book that reverses a common childhood fear, Ditter is a bunny who lives in a hole, far from the sun; he's afraid of anything bright. But a waylaid shoe forces him to do the unthinkable: light a candle and look around. To his delight, he discovers a colorful world that's worth interacting with. The fun, rhyming, onomatopoeic text tracks Ditter's growth from a shadowed life toward one that's alive with details worthy of an attentive search-and-find approach.

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