

★ **The Clown Said No****Mischa Damjan****Torben Kuhlmann, Illustrator**

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Now with stunning new illustrations, this classic picture book centers on a circus clown who's tired of being "the funniest." He learns a word that everyone should be brave enough to wield: "no." And once he lets his "no" loose, other circus performers feel freed to follow suit. Several self-advocate and leave, going off to dream their own dreams. Disarray follows briefly—until everyone realizes that letting living beings speak and live their truths makes for the best spaces possible.

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