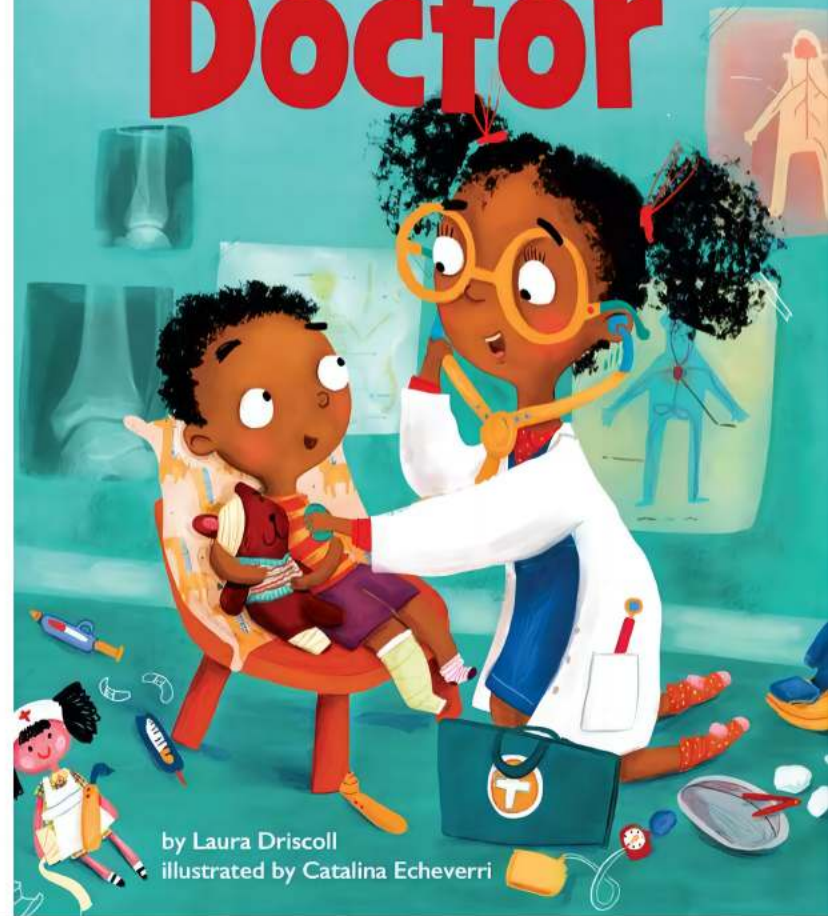


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We are at the hospital—  
my mom and dad,  
my brother, Jack, and me.

Jack is not so happy.  
His foot hurts a lot.





I saw the whole thing.  
Jack flew off the top bunk.  
Maybe he forgot he can't fly.

Dad put ice on Jack's foot.  
His foot is black and blue.  
Mom thinks it could be broken.



So here we are  
in the emergency room.  
It is a busy place.  
Some people are hurt.  
Some are sick.

It is a good thing  
doctors are here to help.





“I like to help people, too,”  
I tell the doctor.  
Her name is Dr. Tate.  
“Maybe you will be  
a doctor someday!” she says.

Dr. Tate looks at Jack’s foot.  
She touches it gently.  
“Let’s take an X-ray,” she says.  
“It will show us  
if any bones are broken.”





We go to another part  
of the hospital.  
An X-ray machine  
takes a picture of Jack's foot.



A man comes to look at the X-ray.  
“Are you a doctor, too?” I ask.  
“Yes!” he says.  
“I am Dr. Dean.  
I read X-rays.”



The doctor sees a small break  
in one of Jack's bones.  
So next we go to see Dr. Jones,  
a bone doctor.

"There are doctors  
just for bones?" I ask.



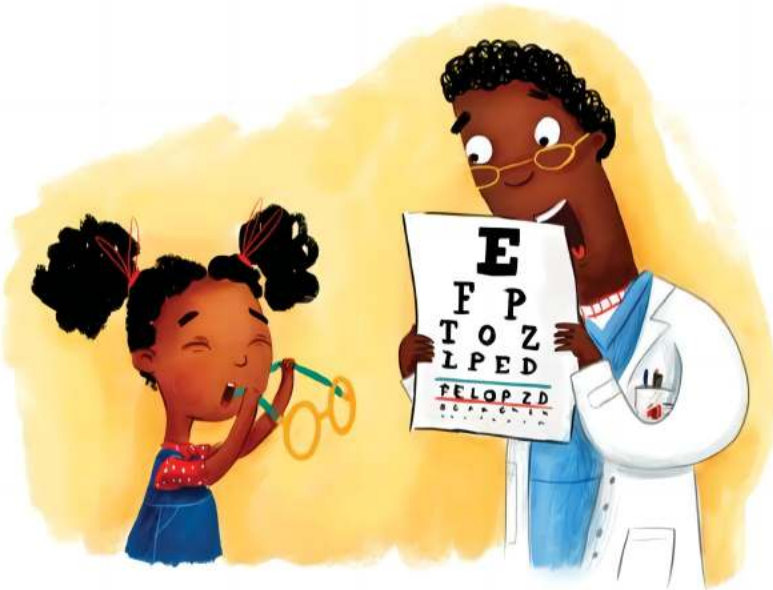


“Yes!” Dr. Jones says.

“Just like there are heart doctors,  
brain doctors, and skin doctors.”



“Who did you see  
to get those glasses?”  
Dr. Jones asks.  
“The eye doctor!” I say.



“What do you call  
your tooth doctor?” Dr. Jones asks.  
“The dentist!” I say.

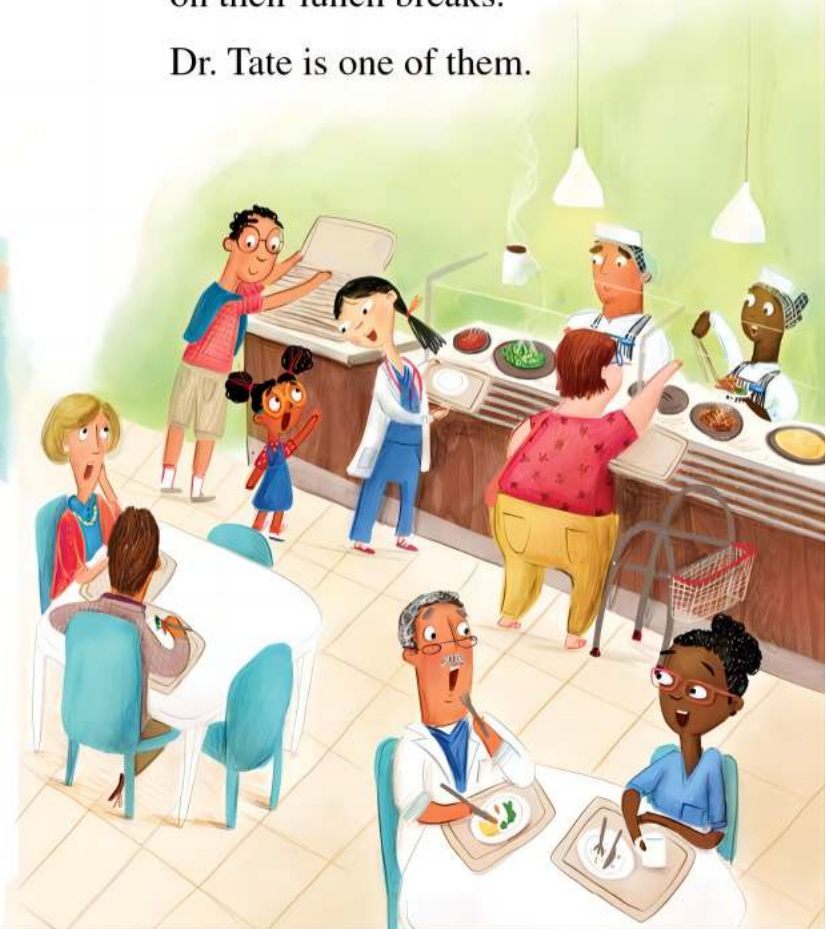


“And who do you see  
for checkups?” he asks.  
“My regular doctor,” I say.  
“Oh! I get it.  
She’s a *kid* doctor!”



Mom and Jack  
go into the exam room.  
Dad and I decide to get a snack.

In the cafeteria,  
we see lots of doctors and nurses  
on their lunch breaks.  
Dr. Tate is one of them.





“I used to think  
there was only one kind of doctor,”  
I tell Dr. Tate.  
“But there are so many kinds!”



“What kind would you be?”  
Dr. Tate asks.  
I shrug.  
“Well, would you like to meet  
a few more?” she asks.

Dr. Tate takes us  
around the hospital.  
We meet Dr. Lu,  
who is a baby doctor.  
“I’ve always loved  
working with little ones,”  
Dr. Lu says.



Then we meet Dr. Kent.  
He helps people walk again  
after an injury.  
“I really get to know  
the people I treat,” Dr. Kent says.  
“Some of them I see every day.”





We meet Dr. Lopez,  
who works in a lab.  
She does tests to see  
what is making someone sick.

“You must like puzzles,” I say.

“Yes,” Dr. Lopez says.

“Our work is like solving mysteries.”







I ask Dr. Tate  
what she likes about  
being an emergency room doctor.

"I meet so many people," she says.  
"Every day is different.  
And busy!"



Later we go find Mom and Jack.

Jack has on a special boot.

He needs to wear it  
for a few weeks.

It will help his bone heal.



Jack can even walk with it!

He is feeling

so much better . . .

all thanks to doctors.

# Meet the Doctors



## **Emergency room doctor**

a doctor who works in the emergency room of the hospital



## **Radiologist**

a doctor who reads X-rays



## **Orthopedist**

a doctor who helps to fix bones



## **Neonatologist**

a doctor who helps newborn babies



## **Physical therapist**

a doctor who helps patients do exercises so they can heal and move better after they've hurt themselves



## **Pathologist**

a doctor who does tests in a laboratory to figure out what is making someone sick



## **Dentist**

a doctor who takes care of teeth



## **Ophthalmologist**

an eye doctor



## **Pediatrician**

a doctor for children



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—L.D.*

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Thank you for all that you do!"  
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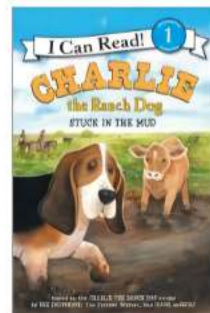
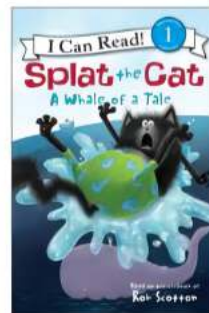
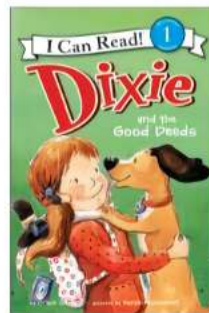
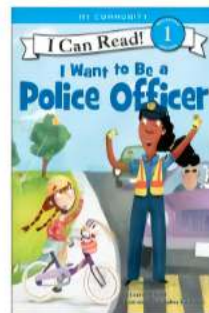
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