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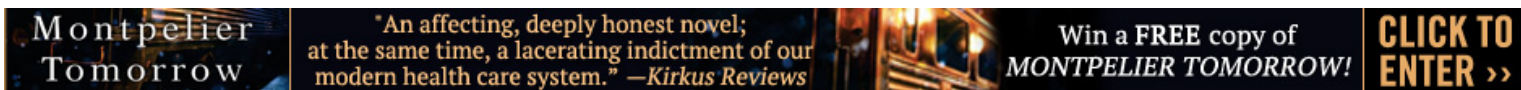


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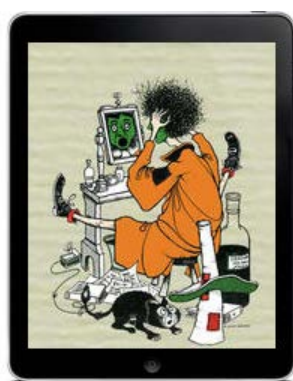


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A good, entry-level app, gratifyingly easy if also easy to move beyond. (*iPad storybook app*. 3-5)

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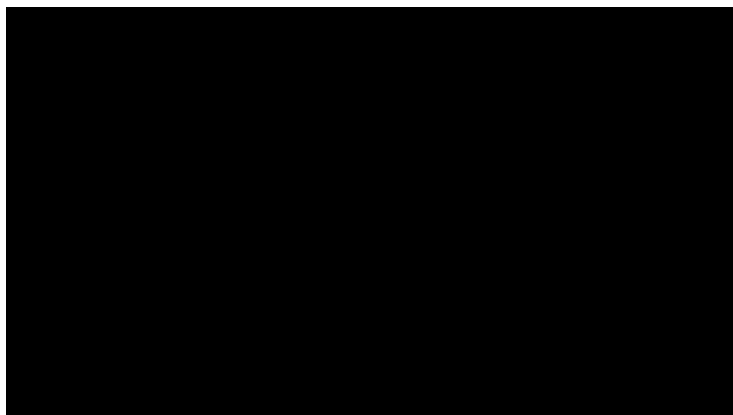
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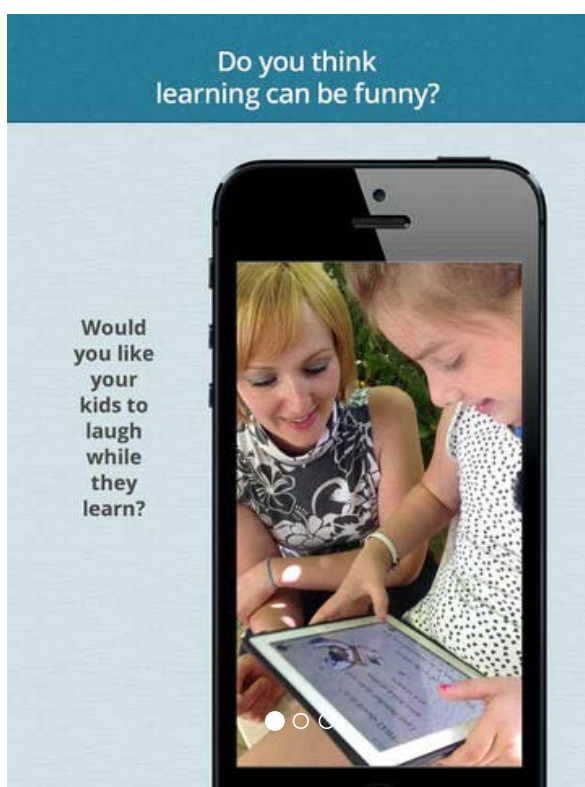


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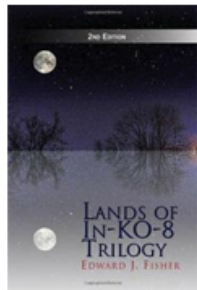
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