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## About the Book

Pip is a normal pig who does normal stuff: cooking, painting, and dreaming of what she'll be when she grows up.

But one day a new pig comes to school and starts pointing out all the ways in which Pip is different. Suddenly she doesn't like any of the same things she used to . . . the things that made her Pip.

## Storytime Activities

**THE NEW NORMAL:** What does Pip discover when she goes to the city with her family? Discuss the word “normal” and how “normal” includes all the ways we are different and special. Have the children turn-and-talk with a partner and discuss the ways they and their family are different and special. Ask the children to share what their partner said with the rest of the group.

**GOOD TIMES:** Look at the title page and discuss the mementos that Pip's family keeps. Ask the children to bring in some items from home (e.g., photos, ticket stubs) to use to create a collage of special memories. Have the children design and decorate their collage and then share it with the group.

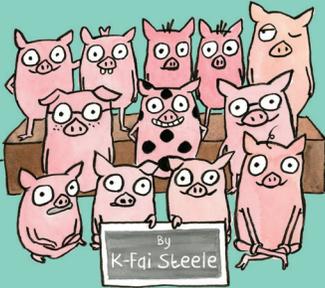
**WHEN I GROW UP:** Reread the page showing Pip “thinking about what she wanted to be when she grew up.” Have the children identify each of the occupations Pip is considering. Then ask the children to write about and illustrate their own ideas of what they might like to be when they grow up.

**FOOD FAVES:** Pip loves her lunch, and her friends enjoy it too. Have the children discuss their favorite foods for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Then give the children a paper plate and have them choose one of the meals to draw on the plate and label. If possible, have a “Favorite Foods” day and ask the children to bring in one of their favorites to share with the group.

**BULLY FOR YOU:** Discuss the story and how the new pig acts like a bully. How did Pip feel? What did she do about it? Ask the children to think about what they would have done if they were Pip. Create a class book with suggestions for how to deal with a bully, including what to say, what to do, and when to ask for help.

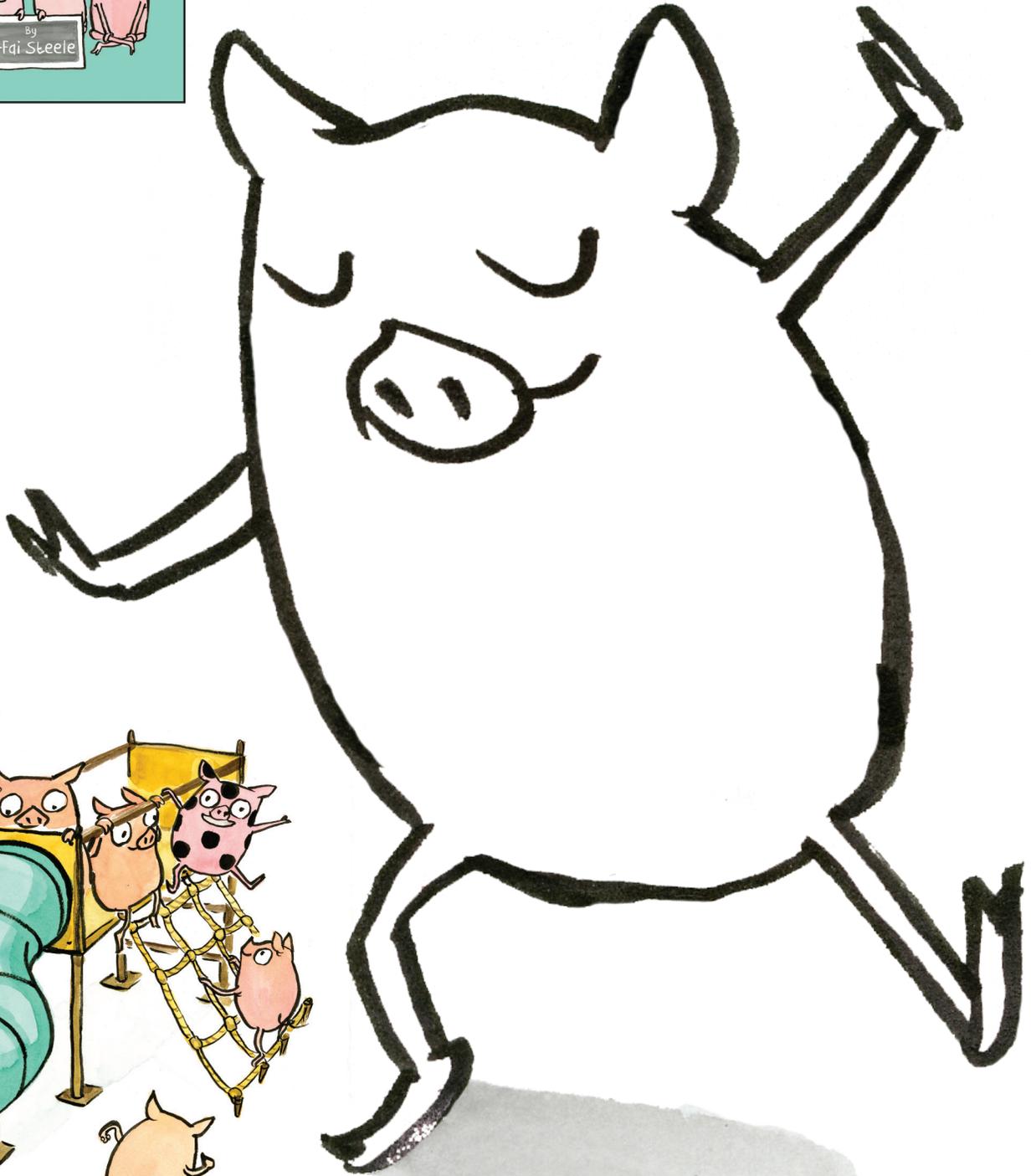


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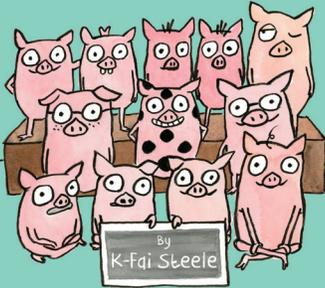


# A Cool Pig

In *A Normal Pig*, Pip takes a trip to the city and meets all different types of pigs. Create your own unique pig with your favorite colors or fun designs.



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## What Does Pip Want to Be When She Grows Up?

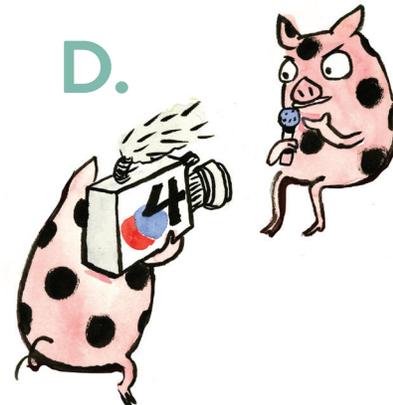
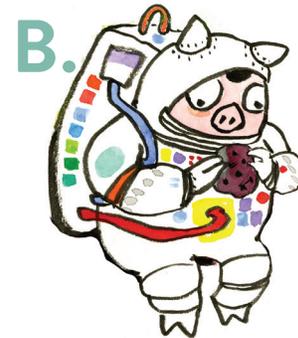
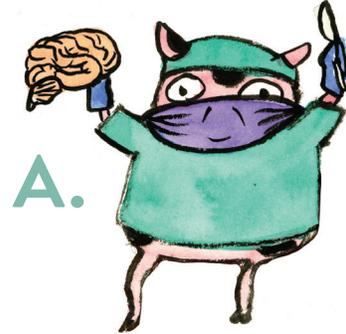
Pip likes to think about what she wants to be when she grows up and she has a lot of ideas. Draw a line to match the job to its picture.

1. Reporter

2. Doctor

3. Astronaut

4. Fortune Teller



ANSWER KEY: 1D, 2A, 3B, 4C