



# MISSOURI BUILDING BLOCK PICTURE BOOK AWARD

I'm a Unicorn  
By Helen Yoon

## **Related Books:**

Lana Llama by Lori Doody, Illustrated by Harriet Rodis

Iguana Be a Dragon by Maddie Frost

Itty-Bitty Kitty-Corn by Shannon Hale, Illustrated by LeUyen Pham

Nobody Likes Unicorns by Karen Kilpatrick, Illustrated Germán Blanco

I Am a Wolf by Kelly Leigh Miller

Not a Cat: A Memoir by Winter Miller, Illustrated by Danica Novgorodoff

No! Said Custard the Squirrel by Sergio Ruzzier

Not Quite Narwhal by Jessie Sima

Muddle & Mo by Nikki Slade Robinson

Unicorns Are the Worst! by Alex Willan

## **Rhymes:**

"Unicorn, Unicorn"

Unicorn, unicorn touch your toes

Unicorn, unicorn touch your nose

Unicorn, unicorn pat your head

Unicorn, unicorn go to bed (pretend to be sleeping)

Unicorn, unicorn wake up now

Unicorn, unicorn take a bow

Unicorn, unicorn touch the ground

Unicorn, unicorn turn around

Unicorn, unicorn sit back down

Unicorn, unicorn don't make a sound

Source: Verona Story Time (<https://veronastorytime.com/unicorn-story-time-everybody/>)



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### “Two Little Unicorns”

Two little unicorns sitting in the grass (hold up two hands)  
One named Slow, the other named Fast (wiggle one hand slowly and the other quickly)  
Run away Slow, run away Fast (hide hands behind back slow/fast)  
Come back Slow, come back Fast (bring hands back slow/fast)

Additional verses:

Sitting on a wall, big/small  
Flying in the sky, low/high

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### Songs:

“If You’re a Unicorn and You Know It”

If you’re a unicorn and you know it,  
Shake your horn (make a horn on forehead with hands)  
If you’re a unicorn and you know it, shake your horn  
If you’re a unicorn and you know it, and you really want to show it,  
If you’re a unicorn and you know it, shake your horn

Additional verses:

Stamp your hooves (stamp feet)  
Toss your mane (toss hair or shake head)  
Twitch your tail (wiggle hips)  
Prance around (prance in a circle)

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“Giddy Up!”

*Sung to “The William Tell Overture” aka the Lone Ranger theme*

Begin patting legs to imitate galloping, then sing:

Giddy-up, giddy-up, giddy-up, up, up!  
Giddy-up, giddy-up, giddy-up, up, up!  
Giddy-up, giddy-up, giddy-up, up, up!  
WHOOOOAAA, Unicorn! (raise hands in the air)

Repeat several times, getting faster each time

Source: Adventures in Story Time and Beyond

(<http://www.adventuresinstorytime.com/2018/09/family-storytime-unicorns.html>)

“Rufus the Unicorn” from Rufus the Unicorn and Other Upside-Down Fairytale Songs by Auntie Kayte

“Space” from Parry Gripp Mega-Party by Parry Gripp



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## **Activities:**

Unicorn Hunt – Hide numbered unicorns (die cuts, clipart, etc.) around your space. Ideally you'll have at least one for each child. Children can search for the hidden mythical creatures and work together to arrange them in order once they find them. Instead of numbers, variations include using alphabet letters or parts of the story to encourage retelling.

Unicorn Sensory Bin/Small World Play- Fill sensory bin with desired mix (colored rice, kinetic sand, colored aquarium gravel, etc.) and whatever objects you want to include in the unicorn habitat. Then add plastic unicorn figurines that can be used in dramatic play (you can find these at most craft stores, party supply stores, and Amazon). For a book connection, add farm animals too.

Unicorn Headband Craft – Cut horn shaped triangles and strips of cardstock long enough to wrap around children's heads. Let them decorate and assemble their own unicorn headbands with crayons, markers, glitter, sequins, tape, staples etc.

Rainbow Poop Playdough- Play with some colorful, sparkly playdough inspired by the rainbow poop in the story using the recipe from I Heart Arts n Crafts

[\(https://www.iheartartsn Crafts.com/homemade-unicorn-playdough-recipe/\)](https://www.iheartartsn Crafts.com/homemade-unicorn-playdough-recipe/)



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