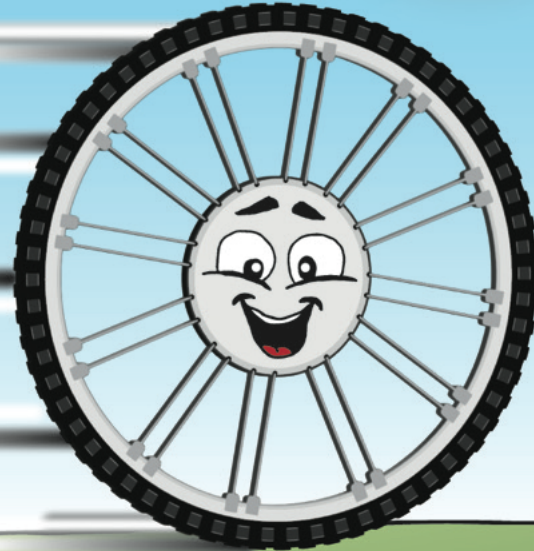


**Spokes** is a wheel who wakes up excited for the day ahead. But everything doesn't go quite as smoothly as expected, and after a few tricky twists and turns, Spokes is covered in mud—a big problem for a wheel that really needs to get rolling to school! Spokes is lost, running late and moving super sl-o-o-o-o-wly. How will this cute and lovable little wheel pull out of this mess?

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To my husband and my parents, the three  
people I depend on most in this life to help  
me get “un-muddied” time and time again.

—KK



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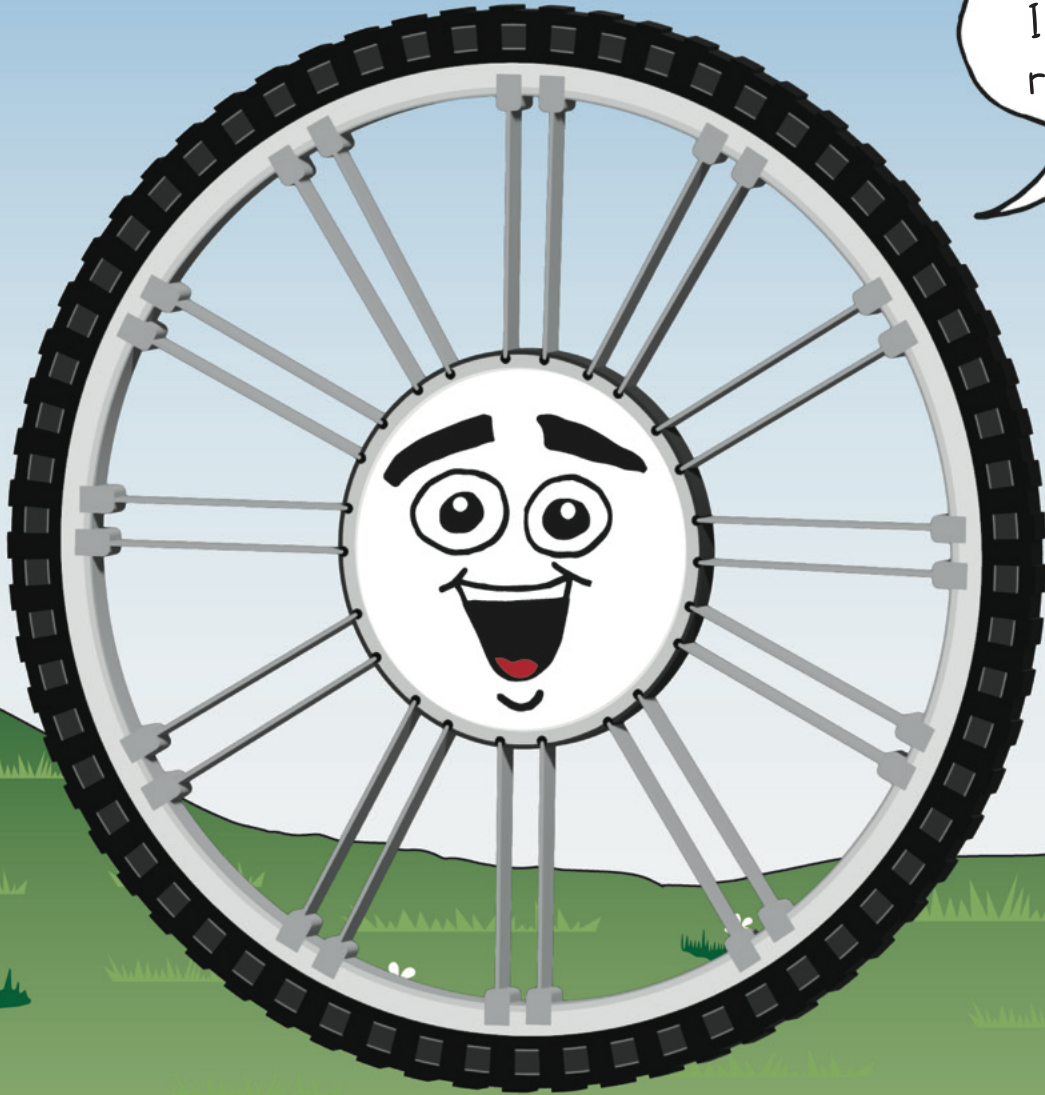
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**Hi** there! I'm Spokes. I'm a wheel who wants to take you on a little road trip.

Even though I'm a tire, I'm rarely tire-d!



Shall we get **rolling**? Are you ready for me to show you **a-round** town? Don't be shy, you can answer. You haven't **spoke-n** up since we started this book!

**Wheel** you please just join me for a ride?



So far, the day is starting out just right.

I feel ready to handle anything.

**uPHILL**, **DOWNHILL**, **BUMPS**  
or **Curves**—bring it on.

**Whizzing**, **whirring**, *gliding*—look at me go!

What a perfect day for a ride through the town.

I can't wait to meet up with friends, learn new things  
at school and go to cycling class in the evening.

Everything is going so well, but then as soon as I turn the  
next corner, I **roll** right into a **surprise** I wasn't planning on.  
(Doesn't it always seem to happen like that?)



# BAM!

I come face to face with...The Mean Wheels.

These wheels are always causing trouble, making the rest of us feel like we're **tread-ing** on thin ice. I'm so **tire-d** of it.



I stop so fast in my tracks with a loud **SCREEEEEEECH** that I even make one of those long, dark rubber skid marks on the road. Before I have time to turn around and get away, the worst one of The Mean Wheels gets right in my face.

It's Scowl.

“What are you so happy about today, little Spokes? You know you’re not allowed to **roll around** here. This is **OUR** smoothly-paved alley to practice **pop-a-wheelies!** Something you’ll never be able to do.”