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Product Review–So Smart! Award Winning DVD's for Children

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It was an exciting day at our house when we checked the mailbox to find 2 new DVD's from the [So Smart!](#) Collection waiting for my our review. Aiden was ready and willing to be my little guinea pig for this project and promptly exclaimed "New movies for me! Can I watch them, mama?" So off to the DVD player they went.

We first watched "House" from the *Babies First-Word Stories* series. This series is created for toddlers, aged 1-3, who are working on language development. "House" is aimed at children 1+ and introduces your child to words and names of objects found in your home as well as sounds the objects make and uses of the objects.

Although, Aiden knew most of the words covered in this particular video, he still enjoyed interacting with the characters/narrator as they would urge the children to recall the names of the items found in the home or playing hide-and-seek with the characters.

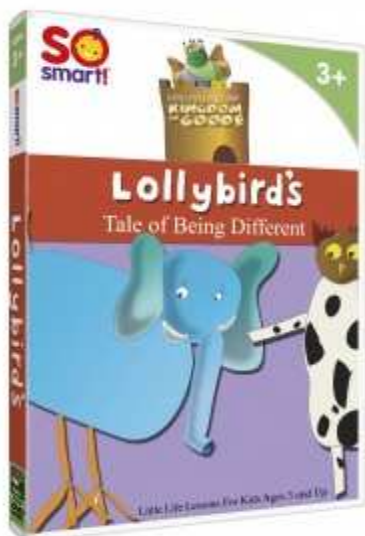
I loved the way this video encouraged interaction and not just mind-numbing vegetation in front of the TV! From calling out names of objects as they appeared on-screen to finding where Dee-

Dee was hiding in the house, my little man was encouraged to be an active participant in learning as he watched.



Our second selection from So Smart is from the *King Otis and the Kingdom of Goode* series and is called "**Lollybird's Tale of Being Different.**" This was a wonderfully imaginative story that teaches a valuable, universal lesson - it's okay to be different! It is geared for children 3+.

Aiden (and myself!) **loved** the music in this story and followed along intently asking me questions about the story-line. This is a great DVD to sit and watch with your younger children so that you can engage in dialogue about what it means to be different.



Both DVDs are PC and MAC compatible and include bonus activities such as: printable activity sheets, music videos and on-screen tutorials.

Overall, I am impressed with the content of both So Smart! selections. They were both educational, entertaining and age-appropriate. It is obvious why the So Smart! Series is the winner of over 30 National Parenting Awards. If you are looking for quality, educational entertainment for your

children, I would encourage you to consider the So Smart Series. These videos are a great educational tool and an investment into your child's learning.

You can find more information and order your So Smart! DVDs by clicking [here](#).

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