

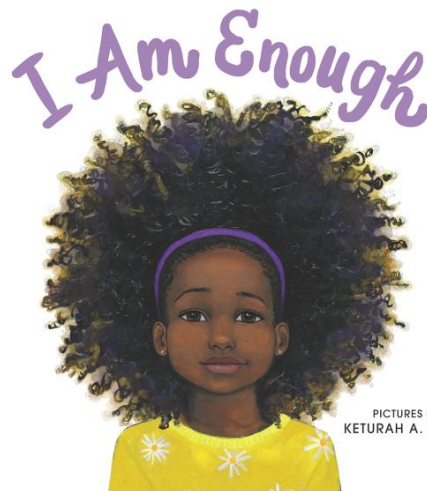
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Review of *I am Enough*
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Adult/Educator Reviewer: Macy Burgess
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Student Reviewer: Kadence Hannah, 1st Grade

GRACE BYERS



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Adult Review: Macy Burgess

This book first caught my eye from the simple, yet complex title and photo. There is this young girl staring directly at you on the front cover and about her head states, I Am Enough. This cover is so simple and so powerful at the same time. I was immediately interested in reading it. The story has a lyrical and poetic manner, yet still comprehensible. This is a great read for any age, I believe it is gaged directly for pre-kindergarten through 2nd grade (ages 4-7). This beautiful story is told through lovely illustrations and a clear message, telling the readers you are enough as you are. It inspires the reader to be themselves and tells us that different is good. The illustrations add to the message of the book by showing diversity among the characters.

This picture book conquers a few of the difficult conversations that children like to have: being different, not getting along with someone, getting upset about not winning, and the list goes on. The author gracefully addresses all of these things: diversity, love, hardships, etc. This book shows young girls how they need to think of themselves, instead of how the world around them is constantly downing; self-confidence and genuinely loving others. There are so many feminist movements currently happening everywhere, this book is a great way to inform young girls of self-esteem, explaining to them ways we're different and how that's okay because you're enough.

This is an empowering story that I undeniably recommend to everyone due to its positive message, letting the reader know that they are enough.

Student Review: Kadence Hannah

I like how she stood up in front of the sun.

I like how they sang and danced together.

I like how her friends cheered her up when she was crying.

I like the page with all of the girls standing and holding hands on the Earth.

I like the last page because she was excited.

I wish the book was longer.