

DENOMMÉ, Margot
Mommy, Am I Pretty?

Illustrated by Madison and Brooke Denommé-Warren. Self-Published, 2014. Unp. Illus. Gr. K-3. 978-0-9920340-0-9. Hdbk. \$18.95

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What is the meaning of the word “pretty” as it applies to the question asked by many little girls? Through the thoughtful dialogue between a mother and her young daughter and the beautiful, brightly coloured illustrations, the answer to this time- less question, “Mommy, Am I Pretty?” is answered in a spiritual sense rather than a physical one. The text is a glorious reminder that good citizen- ship and social character are paramount to personal beauty. The behavioural examples shared between mother and daughter are easy for young children to understand and are socially appropriate actions for both boys and girls,

even though the intended audi- ence is female.

This picture book provides an excellent segue into discussion of positive social interactions and role modelling, as well as providing opportunities to demonstrate empathy, self concept and self confidence. An excellent se- lection for reading circles and group or full class discussions, as well as independent or guided reading. Re- flective writing, drawing and/or story telling activities would provide op- portunities for meaningful, personal student engagement.



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- E** Excellent, enduring, everyone should see it!
- G** Good, even great at times, generally useful!
- A** Average, all right, has its applications
- P** Problematic, puzzling, poorly presented

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Mommy, am I pretty? was ranked one of the year's best picture books by Resource Links.

