

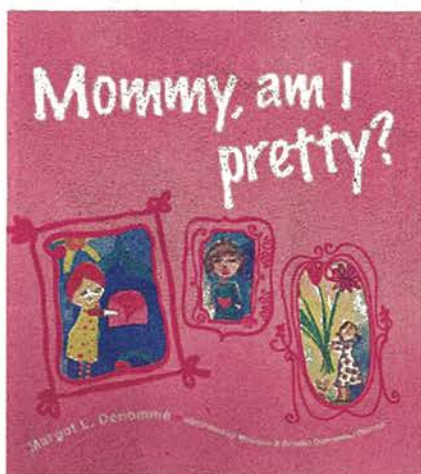
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Mommy, am I pretty?

By Margot L. Denommé

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BRIGHTLY PAINTED wildflowers, ballerinas and drummer girls steal the show in this picture book illustrated by nine and eleven year-old sisters Brooke and Madison Denommé-Warren.

Mommy, am I pretty? opens with a young girl asking her mom just that question after it comes up in a schoolyard chat with her best friend.

On the walk home, her mother explains that the best way to feel pretty is to feel proud – proud of being kind to people, trying your best and making new friends.

It doesn't matter whether you are tall, short, big or small, she says. Being kind-hearted to others is all the pretty you need.

With a charming message and full-page pictures girls can relate to, *Mommy, am I pretty?* is a real mother-daugh-

ter book.

Available from Kids at Home and Ella Minnow on Queen Street East, through amazon.ca or at the official website, mommyamiprettybook.com, a portion of proceeds from the book will go to Meagan's Walk, a Toronto charity named for Meagan Bebenek, who was five years old when doctors found she had an inoperable brain tumour.

Since Meagan's passing in 2001, the memorial walk and a "human hug" around SickKids hospital have raised more than \$2.7 million for cancer research.