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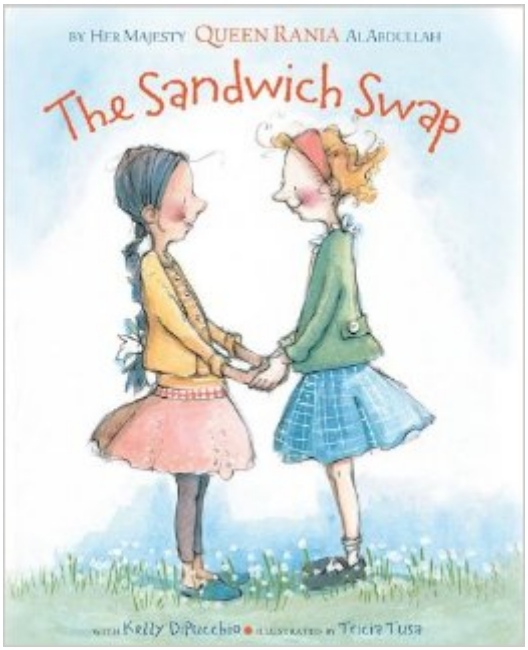
The Sandwich Swap



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Synopsis

Lily and Salma are best friends. They like doing all the same things, and they always eat lunch together. Lily eats peanut butter and Salma eats hummus-but what's that between friends? It turns out, a lot. Before they know it, a food fight breaks out. Can Lily and Salma put aside their differences? Or will a sandwich come between them?The smallest things can pull us apart-until we learn that friendship is far more powerful than difference. In a glorious three-page gatefold at the end of the book, Salma, Lily, and all their classmates come together in the true spirit of tolerance and acceptance.

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years
Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

Her Majesty Queen Rania has brought us such an inspiring tale! I am such a strong advocate of "bridging the gap" between cultures and ideas...sharing, growing, learning. I highly recommend this sweet story!

Her Majesty Queen Rania of Jordan is known for her humanitarian work and I'm especially appreciative of her efforts to make education accessible to the more than 70 million children who are deprived of education throughout the world. "The Sandwich Swap" can be seen as part of her effort to promote cross-cultural understanding amongst young readers. It is a heartwarming picture

book with an inspiring and positive message. The story is inspired by an experience during Her Majesty Queen Rania of Jordan’s own childhood. In the book, two girls, Lily and Salma are best friends, but that close friendship is put to the test one day during lunchtime when each girl tells the other that her lunch seems gross. Salma and Lily come from different cultural backgrounds and their lunches reflect this difference, i.e. Salma brings a hummus sandwich to school and Lily eats a PBJ sandwich. Will this spell the end of the girls’ friendship, or will they find a way to see past their differences and celebrate their friendship?The illustrations by Tricia Tusa are delightful to look at, especially in the scene where there is a food fight - truly cute and hilarious! This is a picture book that is appropriate for children ages 4-8, and might be used in the Pre-K- early elementary classroom to discuss cultural differences and how to appreciate diversity and the uniqueness of other cultures. It is never too early to inculcate a tolerance and appreciation of those deemed ’different’, especially in the global context of an increasingly connected world.

Awards should be plastered all over this book’s cover. Which by the way, is the most darling cutest cover I have just about ever seen. The students took one look at The Sandwich Swap and said, "Read us that one!!" Sometimes I bring in a few books to each of my lessons to give them a preview of next weeks story. Even in the hallway, a second grade student said to me, "When are you going to read us The Sandwich Swap?" Apparently, they can sniff out a good book just by it’s cover. But this is more than good, it is GREAT.The lessons learned by both girls in the story is EXACTLY the kind of message students need to hear. Working in a culturally diverse school I know students have many curiosities about one another. But sometimes, those curiosities can sadly turn into put-downs towards one another. It divides everyone which is what happens in the story. Just look around the world, it’s pretty obvious we need to start these conversations and teachings early in life. A first grade student said, "I hope everyone goes to multi-cultural night tomorrow to make more friends!" The lovely ’pot-luck’ ending will make you think about what your own school is doing to help promote cultural diversity.The Sandwich Swap is a wonderful reminder and encourager to embrace and appreciate other’s differences. It’s amazing how a book can increase awareness, sensitivity, and open hearts and minds. This was an impactful read and there is no doubt it has helped increased my school climate. The students clapped as I finished reading the last page. Clapping for diversity! Love it.

This book with its charming watercolour illustrations holds the interest of children easily. It can also be used as a discussion starter in a classroom or home setting.I read it to the first graders in our

school at the end of the school year and each group was enthralled by the story and readily identified with the characters.As well as being used to discuss cultural differences, the story could also be used to discuss friendship or being open to new experiences and as an introduction to foods that are specific to different cultures.

I bought this for my granddaughter who is in the 3rd grade. She loved the story and did not want to put the book down on a day when she was receiving many gifts. It has a great lesson that is delivered in a way that childrend can understand the message. The illustrations really add to the story as well and also held my granddaughter’s interest. I would recommend this wonderful book.

This is a really good book about differences and learning to cooperate. It really teaches kids that we aren’t all the same and aren’t going to like the same things, but we can accept and respect each other anyways. My 7 year old daughter really liked it. Cute book!

This has to be the sweetest thing I’ve read in a long time. Peace on Earth is elusive, but we can still foster peace in our own little corner. The illustrations are good, too. A reviewer points out that one particular country is omitted. Although this is true, many, many countries are omitted. It wasn’t meant to be all inclusive, just as no single class ever includes a representative of every single country on Earth, for heaven’s sake. Refuse to be offended and offer friendship is the moral of the book. To be offended over this book is ridiculous.

My daughter and a friend started taking seaweed to school and were getting embarrassed by the looks and "Ew! What’s that!" from their so-called friends. So this book was recommended by a friend and I LOVE it! The art is awesome! I just love it!

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