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Every girl is unique, talented, and lovable. . . Every girl is BEAUTIFUL.

Much more than how one looks on the outside, true beauty is found in conquering challenges, showing kindness, and spreading contagious laughter. Beautiful girls are empowered and smart and strong!

BEAUTIFUL breaks barriers by showing girls free to be themselves: splashing in mud, conducting science experiments, and reading books under a flashlight with friends. This book will encourage all girls to embrace who they are and realize their endless potential.

Beautiful Details

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Jacki says

Go go feminist picture book!

Victoria says

Stacy McAnulty's splashes toxic gender stereotypes and societal expectation for girls on every page and then sends a wonderfully illustrated crew of "Beautiful" girls to take them and make them their own. This wonderful book shows girls just doing their thing, and what a beautiful thing that is. If you have a girl who is still young enough to have interest in picture books - get this book!

Shandra says

Love the illustrations!! I still have a wee, small qualm with using "beautiful" over and over, but I do like that it totally subverts it to be all girls - tomboys, girls in wheelchairs, etc. It's as if the book took a 1940s "girls must... have the perfect look" style guide, and turns it on its ear. I especially like the pages that say "Beautiful girls know all about makeup." and has illustrations of girls dressed up as pirates with drawn on beards and mustaches, and the following pages that say "And have a smart style" and has illustrations of girls investigating various science pursuits. Awesome. Would be a fun storytime book, especially on a day like International Women's Day!

Lara Goldstein says

LOVE LOVE LOVE. Such a fun body-positive, pro-women book that avoids being preachy. Definitely a great read for young girls who might feel like they aren't beautiful because they aren't x, y, or z.

Kirsten says

LOVE LOVE LOVE LOVE this book!

Danielle says

Love how the text sounds like a how to for being a girl concerned with beauty and gender conformity while the illustrations interpret the text in a contrasting, nonconformist way. Lighting up every room means using lamps/flashlights while reading in tents. Smart style means observing, experimenting, and fixing—girls using their smarts. A sweet smile? One laced with an orange just opened with a friend.

This book shows diverse girls including kids in wheelchairs.

Beautiful indeed!

Heidi says

This picture book is beautiful in its depiction of girls. While not really a story, there is much here that is well worth sharing and discussing with both boys and girls. The text talks about the things that make all girls beautiful. The illustrations take it a step further by showing girls doing things they love that stereotypes would say don't match the text, such as playing pirates (knowing how to use makeup) or swinging enthusiastically on their tummies while singing like songbirds. The illustrations are full of girls who are smiling and enjoying their various activities in ways that debunk stereotypes, such as a girl building an electronic car, playing in a pond, and skateboarding. The wide-variety of different girls is also a great thing, girls of all colors and abilities (including girls in wheelchairs playing basketball). One of my favorite illustrations shows a girl in a princess crown, necklace, and crown, who when her back is shown is also carrying a sword. This is a book that I think should be shared with children of all kinds to show that beautiful is only as limited as we let it be. In my opinions this one is a must have for all sorts of collections, not just libraries.

Nicole says

Great book to give to all the little girls in your family. Embraces what beauty is to each child and not to the worlds beauty standards.

Faith Tydings says

BEAUTIFUL! I absolutely love this book and I think it should be posted in every library and read to every little girl. As a children's librarian, I am going to make a display for this book right now :)

Eduardo Baskervill says

An empowering little book with smile inducing illustrations. File this under Girl Power.

Sarah Hannah says

I'm going to call books like this "surface subversion," I think. I'm also going to put this on my shortlist for go-to birthday gifts and the like, and I'm also going to request that this illustrator do a lot more stuff pronto, especially early chapter books.

Jasmine says

Really excellently done depiction of a bunch of different ways to be beautiful, with curiosity and kindness and physical prowess and friendliness. These types of books can get preachy, but I think it successfully walks the line between condescending and sanctimonious (the failure states of "improving literature") and succeeds in just being explanatory. And well illustrated.

Joyce says

Yes, BEAUTIFUL is really beautiful. This book is the perfect gift for every little girl worldwide and maybe some big girls too.

What a wonderful presentation of inclusion of all diversities, shapes, sizes and "non perfection".

A perfect example of how we should celebrate self whatever we look like and whom ever we may be.

Kudos to Stacy and Joanne.

J.D. Holman says

This book has layers, like an ogre, an onion, or a parfait. ;) You have girls of all different shapes, sizes, and colors doing all sorts of different things here. Then you have the prose, which one one level goes with the picture, and on another level kind of presents biting commentary about what society expects of girls. (Example: "Beautiful girls know about makeup." The picture has three girls with fake beards pretending to be pirates. They know how to paint their faces, yes - but not in a traditional manner.)

Is there a book like this for boys? I want them as a set, please.

Gayatri says

What Beautiful girls should be is comfortable in their own skin.
