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Cindy Mitchell *Kiss the Book* says

Neal, Kate Jane Words and Your Heart. PICTURE BOOK. Feiwel and Friends (Macmillan), 2017. \$18. 9781250168726

This book is about your heart and how words can affect your heart. Words have the power to injure and words have the power to lift up –so use your words to bring joy to someone’s heart. It features simple black and white and red illustrations.

This is a powerful and simple message for young readers. We already had this book in my school library and it went out to multiple classrooms with a series of lessons about how to be kind. I think so often we tell students to be kind (honest, share, good friends, etc) but not teach them outright how to go about accomplishing that. This book is part of the answer. The illustrations are just perfect and it’s one of my favorite books this year.

EL(K-3) – ESSENTIAL. Stephanie, Elementary School Librarian & Author
<https://kissthebook.blogspot.com/2018...>

Ivy says

This is a wonderful book that is dual purpose in the classroom. It talks about the power of our words and that we should use them for kindness. I use this for social skills. However there is a lot of word art in the book. So we also discuss the power of written words and how we use them. I have gotten a lot of mileage out of this book!

storymamas says

This book is beautiful! Words and Your Heart is the perfect book for Valentine's Day but really any day of the year. We love the simplicity of the black, red and white color scheme letting the words really take charge. It's a story about how words are powerful and important, how words can make you feel happy or sad and how words can effect others. When I was reading with my 4 year old we had a wonderful discussion about what words can make people feel ? and ?. One of our favorite parts of the book asks each reader to take a part in making the world a better place by saying, “How about we use our words to look after each other’s hearts?” This is one you need for every home and classroom setting! Thank you to Kate for writing this book to give us the opportunities to have conversations with kids of all ages around the power of our words!

Vernon Area Public Library KIDS says

Words have power. They can build someone up or tear them down. Neal provides a very straightforward

lesson about how words can transform a person for better or worse through two delightful line drawings of a girl and a cat. Simple illustrations full of emotion and feeling are juxtaposed against a stark white background that makes the images pop in a read-aloud setting.

The line repeated 5 times throughout the book is about your heart-- "The little bit inside of you that makes you, you!" The repetition is perfect for a younger audience to make the idea stick and to use it throughout a classroom's curriculum.

Truly a sweet addition to any unit on bullying as young children begin to be more expressive through their words.

Reviewed by: Miss Kelsey, Youth and School Services, Vernon Area Public Library

David Schaafsma says

Originally published in 2015, this is a 2017 reprint of Neal's simple book for younger readers about the power of words to harm or heal.

I admit I picked it up because of the title--isn't it great?--but I liked the cover, the simple sweet drawings and all the space on the pages.

Neal said she wrote it after observing verbal bullying on a playground.

Brenda says

This book is deceiving, on the surface it is a simple book with limited text and illustrations, but it carries a strong message about the power of words to harm and heal. Highly recommended for listeners through middle elementary.

Kelsey says

Age: Preschool-2nd grade

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Ms. Shoshana says

An important message for kids about how words can hurt feelings, but I don't see any kid appeal. It's the kind of book you give to a parent who needs to teach that lesson, but it seems like these sorts of ideas are often transmitted better through story. Kids understand the parables, but this just feels preachy and boring. The art is bright and graphic, though.

Peyton says

Words and Your Heart discusses the effects of positive and negative words on both yours and other people's heart. It shows how words can hurt, but also how they can heal. It shows that words have a huge influence over emotions and feelings. This book is a great way to discuss word usage with children; what is appropriate to say and what is not.

Margie says

As 2017 comes to a close people tend to mull over the past year and look forward to the next. It's a time to examine who we are, who we want to be and how we will be remembered. The making of New Year's resolutions is traditionally observed around the world. A very low percentage of those intentions are followed. It has been suggested the reason for this low percentage is due to the complicated nature of the resolutions or the number made.

If each of us were to select a single pledge, a change for 2018, or a recommitment, what would it be? Words and Your Heart (Feiwel And Friends, an imprint of Macmillan Publishing Group, LLC, December 26, 2017) written and illustrated by Kate Jane Neal invites us to consider the effect of what we say. We need to decide if we will heal and give hope or hurt.

My full recommendation: <http://librariansquest.blogspot.com/2018/01/words-and-your-heart.html>

Pam says

Beautiful story with simple illustrations to show young (and not so young) how important our words are. Words can be arrows in the heart or mood boosters. Good to start discussion about what we say to each other in classes and on the playground.

RaisingReal Readers says

This is a sweet book told to remind the reader that words do and can change you- and it's important to think

about what you say and how you interpret what you hear. The pictures are simple, but clever. The use of font variation for the words themselves remind the reader that it's all about the words, both in the book and in life.

Kalynda says

What a delightful find at the library today! Yes, words do effect your heart, my heart, everyone's heart...for the benefit of the heart and self and sometimes for the damage, but words, again can turn that around. What an important read and re-read for any classroom and home, especially with that good discussion afterward about what exactly those words are...for example, "thank you".

Barbara says

Originally published in the United Kingdom, this picture book reminds readers that words have an impact on their hearers. Relying on simple sketches and creative use of fonts, the author explains how words can heal, encourage, but they can also harm. The message is a powerful one, and while I agree completely that words don't just go in our ears but also into our hearts, I got a little tired of the asides--"The little bit inside of them that makes them, them!" (unpaged), for instance. Having lines like that once seems to be enough without leaving readers hit over the head with a hammer with this positive message. Plenty of readers will be touched by the reminder and perhaps choose to say something kind rather than a cruel utterance, which isn't a bad thing, after all. The author's bio mentions that her inspiration for the book came after noticing how school children used words to bully others. This title would certainly be useful in a collection devoted to compassion, kindness, and empathy as well as character development.

Donna Mork says

Sweet book about how words affect your heart. Your heart is that little bit inside you that makes you you. And sometimes, words can heal the heart, make it stronger, make it braver. But bad words can hurt the heart like an arrow piercing it. So be careful which words you use and help others feel better.
