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***I Am Enough* is the picture book everyone needs**

This is a gorgeous, lyrical ode to loving who you are, respecting others, and being kind to one another—from *Empire* actor and activist Grace Byers and talented newcomer artist Keturah A. Bobo.

This is the perfect gift for mothers and daughters, baby showers, and graduation.

*We are all here for a purpose. We are more than enough. We just need to believe it.*

## I Am Enough Details

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# From Reader Review I Am Enough for online ebook

## Deb (Readerbuzz) Nance says

Just the fabulous cover is enough to make me fall in love with this book. It's a list of reminders for all of us, reminders that we are good enough just as we are. The text is a lovely mix of prose and rhyme to satisfy, with enough similes to work as an ideal read aloud for any simile lesson.

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## Kristie says

Thought I'd like this one more, but it was just ok. Nice ending of being different from each other, but all good enough. I'm not sure it's entertaining enough for kids to really love it, though parents will like the message. The pictures were nicely done and inclusive.

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## Nouruddin says

### So Personal Impression

**Well, It's nothing more a cliché. We are different. We have abilities, in spite of our skins, cultures, tongues and origins. So what? The racism is stronger than all these solid words. Racism has deaf ears. The poem hasn't any inspirational perspectives. Even the picturing was not that much inspirational or effective. I'm putting it right here:**

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*Like the sun, I'm here to shine  
Like the voice, I'm here to sing  
Like the bird, i'm here to fly  
and soar high over everything  
Like the trees, I'm here to grow  
Like the mountains, here to stand  
Like time, I'm here to be  
and be everything I can  
Like the champ, I'm here to fight  
Like the heart, I'm here to love  
Like a ladder, here to climb  
and like the air, to rise above  
Like the wind, I'm here to push  
Like a rope, I'm here to pull  
Like the rain, I'm here to pour  
and drip and fall until I'm full  
Like the moon, I'm here to dream  
Like the student, here to learn  
Like the water, here to swell*

*Like the fire, here to burn  
Like the winner, I'm here to win  
and if I don't, get up again.  
I know that I may sometimes cry,  
but even then, I'm here to try  
I'm not meant to be like you  
you're not meant to be like me  
Sometimes we will get along  
and sometimes we will disagree  
I know that we don't look the same  
our skin, our eyes, our hair, our frame  
But that does not dictate our worth  
we both have places on earth  
And in the end, we are right here  
to live a life of love, not fear...  
To help each other when it's tough  
to say together:  
I am enough*

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## **Megan says**

I always wonder why they didn't have thoughtful and heartfelt books like these when I was a kid? I think I would feel differently about me if I had been reading books like this then. Beautiful <3

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## **Candace says**

**I Am Enough** is a picture book of girl empowerment. The illustrations are diverse; representing girls from all walks of life. I'm not sure if the poem will resonate with everyone, but the last seven pages are meaningful. This book teaches self-respect, respect for others and kindness.

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## **Ronald says**

Although this exquisite children's picture book is intended for young girls, I recommend this beautifully written book to all book lovers. The lush, adorable, and elegant artwork and empowering themes are fantastic. This book's immediate goal is to promote unity, diversity, acceptance, understanding and compassion, and most importantly, love. I read this slim book in one day and I loved all the positive messages. I loved the importance of getting along with other people despite our differences. This book makes you smile and feel good because no one is perfect and everyone is beautiful, unique, and we are truly enough. Marvelous debut book from actress Grace Byers!

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## Heather says

Judging by the star rating on this book, I can see that I am in the minority. However, I was disappointed - hoping this book was something it was not, I guess. When I saw the title of this book and the synopsis, I was hopeful that it was a book I could use at church children's program to open a discussion of being happy with who you are. I did not find it to be so. The content was VERY simplistic and not really, in my opinion, supportive of the idea of promised by the title.

"Like the voice, I'm here to sing...Like the bird, I'm here to fly and soar high over everything..." It never really touches on any of the issues that might have a child feeling that they are not enough. The illustrations are nice and the poem is ok... I just felt that the title was misleading. I write this review to help others who might purchase it/seek it out with the same expectations I had.

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## KC says

Accepting!

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## David Schaafsma says

The 2018 Goodreads Picture Book Winner! Congrats, Grace Byers!

Each year my family reads all the Goodreads-award-nominated picture books, and we have been doing this for years. Everyone rates each book and adds a comment and it may (or may not) affect my overall rating. This is book #7 of 2018. Note that Lyra LOVES this book, and the rest of us, not so much; because of her high rating, I bump the family rating up to 3 from my 2 stars.

Lyra (11): 5 stars! I like how it shows how we are all different on the outside, we all have many similarities on the inside. I love the meaning of the story. Very inspiring.

Hank (12): 2.5 stars. It's okay, I guess.

Harry (13): 2 stars. Like Mom, I really like the last five pages. The rest of it was just okay for me.

Jenn (family friend): 2 stars. I respect and commend the author on writing a book with his message, but the text was not that impressive. For instance, "Like the rain, I'm here to pour and drip and fall until I'm full." ??? A great example of forced rhyme. And the art didn't really capture my imagination, either.

Tara: 3 stars. I like the message of the last five or so pages. The rest just so-so.

Dave: 2 stars. A poem meant to be inspirational, with okay drawings. Not original or distinctive to me.

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## **April Thompson says**

Like the sun, I'm here to shine

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## **Baby Bookworm says**

*This review was originally written for The Baby Bookworm. Visit us for new picture books reviews daily!*

Hello, friends! Our book today is the wonderfully empowering *I Am Enough*, written by Grace Byers and illustrated by Keturah A. Bobo, a girl-power celebration for all shapes, sizes, and skin tones.

“Like the sun, I’m here to shine,” the rhyming text begins, and each page that follows offers an affirmation of all the strength, talent, and promise that young girls have within them. While praising their inherent strengths and virtues, the text also encourages girls to show kindness, to be fighters, and to accept their fellow female for who she is, and embrace all the unique qualities that make her that way. And no matter what, to know that no matter what the world expects of her or tells her she must be, she needs only to remind herself of the truth: “I am enough.”

Oh, but we do love a great girl-power book, and this one is PHENOMENAL. The text does a great job of encouraging girls to embrace who they are, both physically and personally; to support other women; to not be afraid of their strength or their empathy. The illustrations then bring the message to another level; there are girls of every color, every build, every ability, girls with hijabs, girls in wheelchairs – an absolute rainbow of young women working together, showing each other as friends and supporters. The one thing often missing from female-empowerment kidlit is diversity, but not here, and there IS a girl that looks like your little bookworm in this book. The length was great, and JJ adored it. This is one that should be on every girl’s shelf, and it’s Baby Bookworm approved!

Be sure to check out The Baby Bookworm for more reviews!

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## **Nancy Kotkin says**

This is one of those picture books that parents and teachers might like children to read, but I really have to wonder what a child gets out of a poem of abstract platitudes.

For example:

Like the rain, I'm here to pour  
and drip and fall until I'm full.

AND:

Like the water, here to swell.  
Like the fire, here to burn.

AND:

But that does not dictate our worth;  
we both have places here on earth.

The illustrations depict a large cast of diverse characters, but there are so many different children that there is no continuity established or story line developed.

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### **Elisabeth says**

Bless my friends who know I love picture books and bring them to me to read!

I feel like I ought to like *I Am Enough* more than I actually do. It's a lovely little book that's just brimming with positivity and diversity, but it felt a little flat for me. I wasn't sure what some of the stanzas were trying to say. For instance:

*Like the rain, I'm here to pour and drip and fall until I'm full.*

I wasn't wild about some of the illustrations either, especially those digital chalk backgrounds. I *adore* that cover though!

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### **Relyn says**

Talk about an empowering book. This is the kind of book you want your child to memorize; the kind you read to them every night as they fall asleep. I love, love, love the words. The pictures - meh. That's why this is a four star for me. I LOVE the cover of the book, but the art feels stilted and the kids don't feel life-like in the rest of the illustrations. SO - 4 stars instead of 5.

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### **Tracy says**

Thanks to the Kidlit Exchange for the review copy of this book. All opinions are my own.

I AM ENOUGH contrasts the different sides of us—the hard and soft, the peaceful and wild, the right-side-up and the upside-down. The book invites every girl to be herself and love herself, while honoring her differences from others. No matter who you are, you are enough. A wonderful picture book for all girls and all kids.

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