

Social Justice Literature

Title of Book: I Call my Hand Gentle

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What social topic/s does this book address:

- Bullying/friendship/Self-concept

Brief synopsis of the book: Character identifies all the positive gentle things that the hand can do. This person is in control/responsible for his/her actions and therefore chooses to not do negative, hurtful things with his/her hand.

Is this story authentic in regard to:

- Story line
- Today's society

Does this story directly talk about the social topic or does it tell a story using a social topic as a subtle background?

Subtle background- responsible for your actions, you choose.

Would you read this story to your class? Yes -K-1

Would you want your child's teacher to read this story? Yes early elementary

What big ideas or questions do you see emerging from this book?
What are good things we can do with our hands?