

Social Justice Literature

Title of Book: You're Not my Real Mother

Author: Molly Friedrich

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What social topic/s does this book address:

- race
- culture (including immigration)
- family composition (including adoption)
- Environment

Brief synopsis of the book: Adoption isn't directly mentioned, what kinds of things does a mother do to show love that might be universal amongst moms?

Is this story authentic in regard to:

- today's society
- social topic

Is this story:

- Respectful
- Engaging
- Honoring

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

The topic is in the background.

Would you read this story to your class? yes

Would you want your child's teacher to read this story? yes

What big ideas or questions do you see emerging from this book?
Family as the circle of people who love you. (Cowhey quote)