

Social Justice Literature

Title of Book: Zero

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What social topic/s does this book address:

- ability
- Bullying/friendship/**self-concept**

Brief synopsis of the book: Zero didn't feel like a number (person) of value. She felt empty inside. She wanted to count but she felt worthless. The other numbers 1-9 helped her to realize that she was not empty-she was open and that she had value. She joined with them to count even more-and she finally felt she had value.

Is this story authentic in regard to:

- 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?

subtle

Would you read this story to your class? absolutely!

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

What big ideas or questions do you see emerging from this book?
Connection between the number and a person. "What does she look like?" "I feel that way sometimes!"