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### Paulie Pastrami Achieves World Peace

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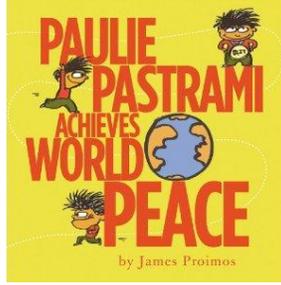
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Proimos, James. *Paulie Pastrami Achieves World Peace*. Illustrated by James Proimos. Little, Brown, 2009. ISBN 9780316032926. \$15.99. 40 p.

Reviewer: Gabi Kupitz

Reading Level: All

Rating: Outstanding

Genre: Humorous stories

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At age seven, Paulie Pastrami achieved world peace. How did he perform such a feat? Paulie is someone most kids and adults can identify with: he was often chosen last for team play, couldn't find matching socks, exaggerated, and did other things that made him special, but ordinary. Then one day, Paulie decided to start being nice. He was nice to small animals and then he was nice to his sister and other people. Next, he decided to be kind at school, to his principal, his teacher, and especially his fellow students. Excited to be elected "best person on the planet" by his now peaceful classmates, Paulie set his sights on world peace--something he wanted to achieve in one evening. He talked to his parents and his Dad suggested "a world tour." So, off they went. By bedtime, the mission was accomplished. You'll have to read this picture book to find out how they did it.

Short text and simple but vivid illustrations give life to this amazing young hero. A great read-aloud that begs for cupcakes, cheering, and doing something about our little corner of the world. Adults will appreciate the humor that may escape younger children, but all ages will delight in Paulie Pastrami's energy.

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