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Responsibility in Action: How We Clean Up a Park

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Book Review

Title: Responsibility in Action: How We Clean Up a Park

Author: Robin Nelson

Reviewer: Rachel Wadham

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Number of Pages: 24

Interest Level: Preschool, Primary

Rating: Outstanding



Review

Responsibility in Action: How We Clean Up a Park is a step-by-step story on how to clean up a park with others. A class of six children and their teacher decide they have a special project to do. They will be cleaning up a local park together. They put on gloves, gather garbage bags, and split into groups. The groups take different sections of the park to clean up effectively. While cleaning up, a group of children come across broken glass. They get their teacher to safely clean up the broken glass. After they have cleaned the park, the students take out any items that are recyclable.

This is a good first step to nonfiction texts. The author uses real colored photographs that go with the text on each page. There are key words in bold and a glossary at the end of the book. There are titles throughout the book to help organize the different steps of cleaning a park. The author also includes a writing prompt to go with the story for children to respond to the text. In addition, the end of the book includes a word list that highlights the transition words used throughout the text. These include common words like first, next, then, and last. The book also includes three fun facts about other parks around the world. The author also includes an index for children to easily find the page number if they wanted to find the page discussing a particular topic like gloves, recycling, or trash. This nonfiction text is an easy read that focuses on higher-level vocabulary for new readers or English Language Learners. This text is appropriate for young preschool age children or beginning speakers of the English language.