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Book Review

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Rating

Outstanding

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Toddler, Preschool,
Primary

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After the bad news, fear and melancholy seem to have settled over the family and neighborhood. A girl's teacher invites her students to look for the helpers in the world amidst the bad. She decides that she wants to help and starts doing kind things to try to lighten the mood. She and her brother put on a funny show, make up stories about invisible force fields to protect them, and are on the BEST behavior all the time, but none of it seems to help in a big way. So she decides that she'll stick with helping in small ways, knowing that even though she can't make the bad news go away, she can at least brighten someone's day.

An adorable book with a great message! Often when confronted with frightening current events, children do not know how to cope with the news and dreary atmosphere that often accompanies it. This can be especially terrifying for children. When such news comes, it is best to look for the good things in the world, small as they may be. This book offers a hopeful note, encouraging readers to find ways to brighten the world in small meaningful ways. The illustrations in this book are darling and do a great job of depicting the emotional context without being overwhelming. There aren't many words, but written in first person, the voice of the girl comes through strong and clear. The words and pictures together combine to create a beautiful story that uplifts.