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Book Review
Water’s Children: Celebrating the Resource that Unites Us All

All around the world, people are united by a common need for water. Though its uses vary from place to place, in each region, water is the key to life. Water’s Children takes readers into the lives of children around the globe to both show and tell the ways in which water is critical to day-to-day life. Beginning in Quebec and ending in the womb with an unborn child, readers gain insights into the role of water from the perspective of children: from snowflakes and monsoons to a cup of mint tea and a reservoir.

Each page features an image of a child in his or her homeland interacting with water, and text on the page voices the child’s own thoughts about the crucial role of water. A watermark which displays how the phrase “water is life” is translated in various languages is tucked into each spread. Readers have to turn to the back of the book, however, to see which country of the world each child is from. Though in some cases it is obvious, the reading experience would be enhanced by having the child’s location placed directly on the spread, perhaps near the watermark. Despite this shortcoming, Water’s Children is a unique look into a natural resource that unites all of us.

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Excellent

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