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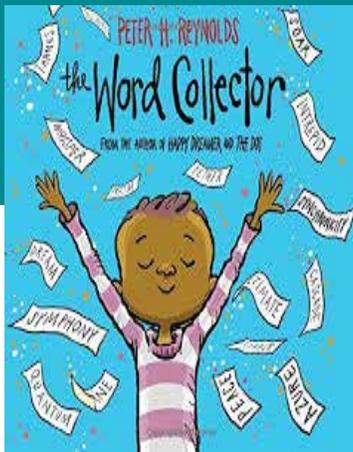
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Book Review

The Word Collector

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Rating

Outstanding

Level

Primary

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Some people collect bugs or coins or stamps. Jerome collects words. Big words, small words, dreamy words, sad words - he has all types of words in his collection. One day, when he is transporting his well-organized collection of words, he trips and the words get all mixed up together. This gets him thinking, and he starts experimenting with words, writing poetry and songs that touch people and help him communicate more completely. Filled with the knowledge of words that he has and the joy that it brings him, Jerome decides to set his collection of words to the wind, sharing them with everyone else.

With beautiful illustrations and a powerful message, *The Word Collector* communicates the importance of finding your words and sharing them. Words can be empowering. With a better understanding of words, we can learn to more clearly communicate and fully express ourselves. Words can be beautiful. Often, it is the different combinations of words that might not normally go together that create music for our ears. Watch as Jerome discovers the beauty and the power of words, and experiences the joy that is found in sharing them. Simple and sweet, this book still packs a punch as Reynolds seems to know just what words (and pictures) to use.