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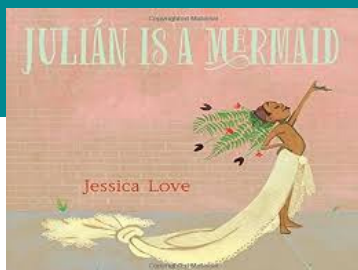
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Book Review

Julián Is a Mermaid



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Rating

Outstanding

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Preschool, Primary

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Julián is a boy who likes mermaids. One day after taking a swim with his Grandmother and her friends, he is left to entertain himself while his grandmother changes into street attire. He proceeds to put fern feathers in his hair, some makeup on, and a curtain tied to look like a mermaid tail around his waist. When his grandmother returns, he thinks he is in trouble. Grandma comes back with some pink pearl beads that she puts around his neck. Then Grandma takes him through the streets to a parade of people just like him.

This book is outstanding if one is accepting of cross-dressing behavior and wishes to introduce this topic to a child at an early age. The illustration is beautifully done and watching the boy change into a mermaid is fanciful and imaginative. His grandmother is very sweet and her acceptance of her grandson is touching and lovely. LGBT issues are not a topic for every person and perhaps not a topic for children at