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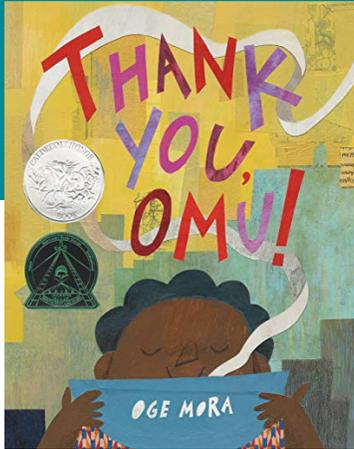
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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Preschool, Primary

When Omu tastes her red stew, she knows that she has made her best stew ever and can't wait to settle down with it at dinner time. But the smell lures people to knock on her door. First a little boy, then a police woman, and many many more as it simmers on her stove. Finally, it is Omu's turn, but wait, the pot is completely empty. Omu is sad to have nothing to eat but is happy that she was able to share with so many people. Just then there is one last knock on her door. Everyone has returned to her apartment with something tasty in hand. What a party.

This is a great book for teaching about the importance of sharing, even when one has very little. Omu brings the whole town together with her meager but cheerful offerings of stew and receives her gift ten fold when everyone returns her generosity. This is a good example of paying it forward. It's a strong message that needs repeating as often as possible and this book is a perfect addition to the tradition. The illustrations enhance the message with warmth in color and Omu's ample visage. This is a beautiful book with an important message that should be shared with everyone.

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