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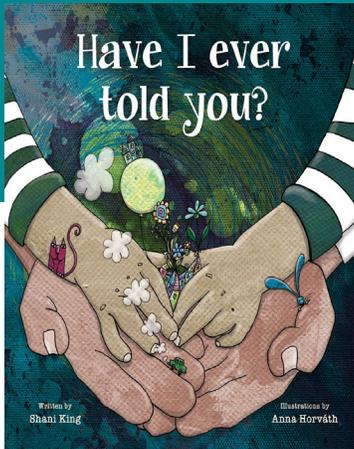
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Book Review

Have I Ever Told You?

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Rating

Outstanding

Level

Preschool, Primary

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30

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9780884487197

As parents, there are so many things we wish our children can hear from us. This book by Shani King puts these thoughts into words perfectly. The book asks the reader directly if they have been told they can be anything they choose to be. It asks if the reader knows that people in all professions are encompassed by those from different cultural backgrounds. The book then delivers affirmation to the reader that they are loved and thought of all the time—that their flaws are what make them special. Amongst many positive messages, the book tells the readers that they need to treat everyone with love and respect and stand up for what is right.

The writer Shani King does a wonderful job in telling every young reader what they need to hear from their loved ones. The messages are heart-warming and genuine. This book sends an inspiring message in today's society when people are often driven apart by differences and words of kindness and courage are spoken much less than they should. The illustrations are whimsical and carry an important idea in themselves. It does a good job in portraying hands of different races uniting in strength and parent and child sharing a special bond. This book not only focuses on the love a parent has for his/her child but also sends a motivating message about the importance of kindness and respect one human being should have for another.