The Whole Wide World and Me

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Toni Yuly’s The Whole Wide World and Me follows a young girl as she explores the world around her. The little girl joyfully climbs trees, splashes in the sea, and rolls down a lush, green hillside. As she explores, the girl takes in all kinds of details—from tiny pebbles to giant waves in the sea—and recognizes that, like herself, each of these details is part of what makes the world so special and beautiful.

The Whole Wide World and Me encourages readers to explore nature and promotes a sharper sense of self-awareness and an awareness of the world around us. Yuly’s illustrations are simple but beautiful and contribute to the reader’s overall enjoyment of the book. Small details hidden in the background of each page, such as a swan in the pond and a whale swimming in the sea, help make the illustrations more enjoyable. The book’s text is spread out well between each illustration for younger children who are impatient to turn the pages, and the language used throughout the book is simple enough for children who are just now learning to read.