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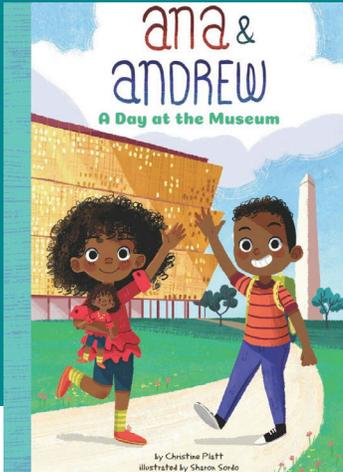
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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

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Primary

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Ana and Andrew receive a surprise visit from their grandma. While she is visiting, the family takes an exciting trip to the new Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. There they learn about the amazing things their ancestors did. They get to see pictures and artifacts and even listen to music and read recipes. At the end of the tour, the family discusses their favorite parts of the museum. They are all very proud of their African American heritage.

This book is organized into four chapters, each less than ten pages, with two to three short paragraphs and illustrations on each page. This format clearly makes the book an intermediate transitional reader. The text is well written, but its content seems to be lacking a bit. Although the book is portrayed to be about the museum, there is only one chapter about the family actually being in the museum. Also, their time in the museum is rather vague. The reader is told that Ana and Andrew learn many great things about their ancestors, but not what those great things are. While it is still an entertaining story and an all-around well-made book, it seems an opportunity to educate was missed.