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### Pope Francis: Builder of Bridges

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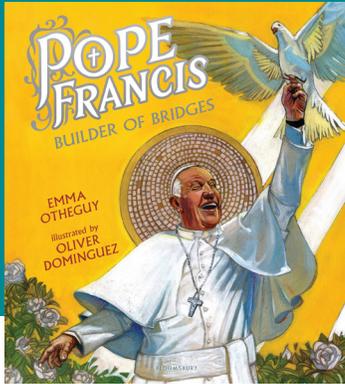
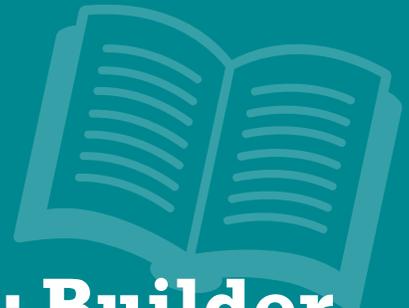
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## Book Review

# Pope Francis: Builder of Bridges

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### Rating

Excellent

### Level

Primary

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40

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Bloomsbury

Before he was Pope Francis, Jorge Bergolio lived in Buenos Aires, Argentina. As a young boy he loved playing soccer and praying with his grandmother. Eventually, Jorge became a priest and hosted movies and soccer games for the poor children in his city. After becoming a bishop, he was chosen to be the next pope. He took on the name of Pope Francis and immediately began serving the people. Another word for pope is “pontiff” which means someone who builds bridges between people. Pope Francis strives to do just that! He wants to serve people of every religion and social class because he believes that everyone can be good.

With one to four paragraphs on every page with text, this book is a bit wordier than your typical children’s book. However, every page is beautifully illustrated, and every other page is entirely illustrations. These illustrations are detailed and realistically drawn. The text of the book is simple enough for a child to understand, however, a restless child may not be able to sit through such a long book. The book does a great job at explaining how the Catholic church works without getting too complicated. It doesn’t teach any theology and is careful to point out at the beginning that people can be good no matter what their religion is. At the end of the book there is an author’s note where the author explains her positive experience with the Catholic church. She also expresses her hopes that people will feel welcome there. After that there is a timeline of Pope Francis’s life and a glossary of Catholic terms.