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# You Are Not Small

by Anna Kang illustrated by Christopher Weyant

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## Synopsis

Winner of the 2015 Theodor Seuss Geisel Award Two fuzzy creatures can't agree on who is small and who is big, until a couple of surprise guests show up, settling it once and for all! The simple text of Anna Kang and bold illustrations of New Yorker cartoonist Christopher Weyant tell an original and very funny story about size "it all depends on who's standing next to you."

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## Customer Reviews

To a child, size matters. Much emphasis is placed on being "big." How often have you heard a child boast, "I'm not a baby! I'm a big girl (or boy)!" Children love to place their hands and feet beside a parent's limbs and assert that they are almost as big as Mom or Dad. What I love about *You Are (Not) Small* by Anna Kang is that it taps into this touch point of childhood. With delightful illustrations by Christopher Weyant, it deftly and humorously highlights that size is relative. The story follows a conversation between an ostensibly small character with a visibly larger one. The tiny one resists the label that the large character applies to him. The little one responds by turning the statement around: "I am not small. You are big." Which is true? Like so much in life, neither is absolutely true; each is relatively true. Compared to one creature, the main character is tiny. But, compared with a different one, he is huge. Thus, both

statements are true. He is both little and big! This is an important lesson for children to learn: comparisons depend on the metric being used. Like statistics, they can tell a different story depending on what is emphasized and what is ignored. They do not change; only the measuring scale differs. Labels can hide as much as they highlight and divide as much as unite. This story can be used to help children see how comparisons can lead to feelings about themselves that are based on illusion. Parents can discuss what things about a child are consistently true. The story opens conversation about bullying as well. As a writer who focuses on adoption issues, I know adopted children are often told that their families or parents are not real. This book provides an easy way to address that question. Just as the characters are both big and small, families can be both adopted and real, just like birth families! Enjoy this book for its story, sense of humor and colorful illustrations. This is a book children will want to read again and again. Gayle H. Swift, "ABC, Adoption & Me: A Multicultural Picture Book"

Lesson: There's always someone smaller as well as someone bigger than each of us. Beautifully displayed on Kindle 10.1. I love the layout of the illustrations. Three versus four stars because requests for repeat readings not as high as for other books read in this category. Nevertheless, a very good book that is worth purchasing.

Very cute book. Has a great message for the little ones in your life as well as the adults who need a reminder that we are all equal in this journey we call life! Love love love this book! Would definitely recommend and will read it to the littles in my life again and again

What a fun and silly way of displaying this simple concept of opposites. The illustrations were equally effective at making this idea come to life. An excellent read.

Cute story, as my 8 month old Granddaughter loves the illustrations (and being on Nana's lap while reading) Cute story

So cute!!! My son loved this book. Read it twice the first night. It's a very simple story. Excellent for beginners.

I don't think my 16-month-old is quite ready for books on the e-reader, but I think this will be a favorite when he is. It's very cute and engaging with great illustrations. Best of all, it's short. -Great

for a bedtime read. I think it holds good lessons about perspective and acceptance of diversity. I'm bigger than some people and smaller than others, but that's O.K. It's not some earth shattering classic like Goodnight Moon or The Night You Were Born, but good nonetheless.

Super cute! This is a short (pun) and sweet story about perceptions, and it's done in a refreshing and creative way. I'm an artist/storyteller myself, and I found myself taking notes in admiration. Well done!

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