



***No Voice Too Small* by Lindsay H. Metcalf, Keila V. Dawson and Jeanette Bradley; Illustrated by Jeanette Bradley**

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*Age Range: 5 to 9, Grades 4 to 6

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Fans of *We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices* will love meeting fourteen young activists who have stepped up to make change in their community and the United States.

Mari Copeny demanded clean water in Flint. Jazz Jennings insisted, as a transgirl, on playing soccer with the girls' team. From Viridiana Sanchez Santos's quinceañera demonstration against anti-immigrant policy to Zach Wahls's moving declaration that his two moms and he were a family like any other, *No Voice Too Small* celebrates the young people who know how to be the change they seek. Fourteen poems honor these young activists. Featuring poems by Lesléa Newman, Traci Sorell, and Nikki Grimes. Additional text goes into detail about each youth activist's life and how readers can get involved.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★“The contributors are as diverse of identity as their young subjects, and as a sidelight, the poems are cast in a variety of identified forms from free verse to reverso, cinquain, and tanka.” —*Kirkus*, **starred review**

“An excellent selection for poetry and social justice collections; a helpful resource to teach students about poetry and its many forms.” —*School Library Journal*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- 2020 *Kirkus* Reviews Best Children's Books of the Year
- 2021-2022 Keystone to Reading Elementary Book Award (nominee)
- 2021 Ohioana Book Awards (finalist)
- 2021 ILA Social Justice Literature Award (winner)
- 2021 Kids' Book Choice Awards (finalist)
- 2023 NYSRA Charlotte Award (masterlist for intermediate)

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

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- [No Voice Too Small Trailer](#)
 - [No Voice Too Small Activity Guide](#)
 - [No World Too Big & No Voice Too Small Joint Activity Kit](#)
 - [No Voice Too Small Pledge | Video](#)
 - [No Voice Too Small Writing Workshop | Video Playlist](#)
 - [No Voice Too Small Young Activists Speak | Video Playlist](#)
 - [No Voice Too Small Poetry Readings | Video Playlist](#)
 - [Behind the Scenes: “A Case Study in Collaboration” by Lindsay Metcalf | Beth Anderson Blog](#)

AUTHOR STATEMENT

The First Amendment of the US Constitution gives Americans the rights of freedom of speech, of the press, to gather peacefully, and to make complaints against the government. These rights are foundational to our democracy, and the founding fathers wrote extensively about the need to protect them. *No Voice Too Small* celebrates young people who use their First Amendment rights to bring attention to problems they see in the world and motivate positive change. Studying their engagement with civil society through speech, writing, protest, and other forms of free expression aligns with social science standards for studying civics and government.

No Voice Too Small is designed to inspire active dialogue between readers about their lived experiences, their communities, and their involvement in larger civil society at the local, national, or global level. We highlight our country’s diversity through the individual stories of the young activists featured in this book, who come from different places, perspectives, and backgrounds and who have different approaches to activism. Conversations about inequality and injustice may be difficult, but they are important for our classrooms and our country.

—Lindsay H. Metcalf, Keila V. Dawson & Jeanette Bradley

***A NOTE ON AGE RANGES**

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book’s intended use.

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