



***On Our Street: Our First Talk About Poverty* by Dr. Jillian Roberts**

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*Age Range: 6 to 8

Grade Range: Grade 1 to 4

BOOK SYNOPSIS

A gentle introduction to the issue of poverty, *On Our Street* explores the realities of people living with inadequate resources.

Using age-appropriate language, this book addresses mental illness, homelessness and refugee status as they are connected to this issue. Insightful quotes from individuals and organizations such as UNICEF are included throughout to add further perspective on the issue. An invaluable section on how kids can help empowers readers to take what they have learned and use it to make a difference.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"The writing is clear and accurate. A positive attempt at a difficult subject, this book will be most useful in situations where caring adults can help children understand and work through their feelings about the topic." –*Kirkus Reviews*

"This straightforward, gentle entry in the World around Us series does a good job of explaining those concepts to a young audience in terms they can understand... This is a useful starting point for conversations about an important topic." –*Booklist*

"This is a frank yet sensitive introduction to the issues of homelessness... Colour photographs offer a humanizing and diverse representation of poverty. Realistic watercolour illustrations featuring two girls and a boy throughout the book and provide a sense of continuity." –*Quill & Quire*

"This is a unique and essential book where hard questions are answered in a clear straightforward way." –*Youth Services Book Review*

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"An important addition to the school or public library collection. Recommended." –*School Library Connection*

"Purposeful, accessible text." –*The Horn Book Online*

"Beneficial resource for a classroom...A useful tool for teaching children how they can safely help and the importance of caring about others." –*Children's Literature*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Bolen Books Children's Book Prize | 2018 | Short-listed
- CCBC Best Books for Kids & Teens, starred selection | 2018 | Commended
- Children's Book Council & National Council for Social Studies Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People | 2019 | Commended
- BC Books for BC Schools | 2021 | Commended

*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.