

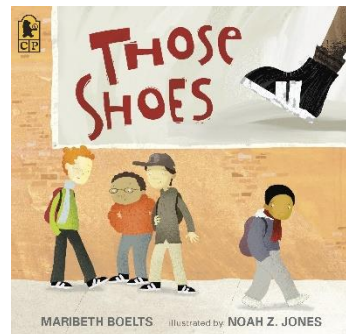


Kids Book Club Kit | Darien Library

Those Shoes by Maribeth Boelts

Recommended for grades K to 1

Summary: Jeremy really wants a pair of those cool new sneakers everyone at school is wearing. Though his grandma says they only have room for “needs” in their budget, he’s more determined than ever to snag a pair when his old shoes fall apart. But when the pair he finds at the thrift-shop are too small, he learns that some things are much more valuable than the latest trends.



Discussion Questions:

1. Have you heard someone talk about “fads” before? What is a “fad”?
2. What are some of Jeremy’s wants in the story? What are his needs? What are some of your wants and needs? How do the lists compare?
3. In the story, Jeremy makes a new friend. Do you think the friendship between Antonio and Jeremy will grow? Why or why not?
4. What are some important qualities for a friend to have?
5. What makes someone a hero? Is what Jeremy does heroic? Why or why not?
6. Do you know someone who is an “everyday hero”? What have they done that’s heroic?

Further Resources:

Person to Person: <https://dar.to/2VOTpfy>

Shoes That Fit: <https://dar.to/3rSfoRB>

Activities

1. Read about children who are less fortunate and discuss their needs and wants. Come up with a plan for how you and your friends could be everyday heroes by helping others like those children.
2. Ask your parents about a fad they remember. If possible, ask to see a photo or the item itself. What do you think of the fad?