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*I am the only ME I AM  
who qualifies as me;  
no ME I AM has been before,  
and none will ever be.*

Three very different children reveal their individual personalities in a series of visual mini-adventures. Readers meet a mischievous tomboy who would rather roller-skate than wear a frilly dress, an inquisitive nature-loving boy, and an artistic ballerina who puts her own spin on Swan Lake. Finally, in a wild and funny climax, the three collide - only to discover a world full of unique and special "ME's."

With exuberant art and gleeful verse, this empowering celebration of individuality and diversity is just right for any young child discovering his or her own self - and the fun of being ME!

## Me I Am! Details

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## **From Reader Review Me I Am! for online ebook**

### **Jennifer says**

Great source for facial expressions

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### **Ginna says**

Great book to encourage the students to be unique and to reaffirm that they are wonderful just the way they are. Talk about how everybody is different and unique!

In the dramatic play area set up different customs and face painting materials. Ask your students to wear and paint their face their unique way. Then, set up a parade for music and movement. Let them use this custom and paint all day! At the end of the day ask the to write about the whole day experience in their journals: Reminding they had the opportunity to choose their own custom and paint their faces, being part of a parade and most important of all they had a chance to express their uniqueness.

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### **Samantha Nelson says**

This book was absolutely incredible. It is a simple yet great book. Me, I Am was written by Jack Prelutsky and illustrated by Christine Davenier. Young readers need to read this book so they realize how unique and great each one of them are. It is a simple poem that I feel kids would enjoy. This short poem explains that there are no two alike people. Everyone is different in some type of way, rather it be a big difference or something small. I would read this to my students and I would want my students to read this as well. This illustration in the book I feel will also inspire the children that painting do not have to be formal and perfect sometimes they need to just be simple.

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### **Alycia Fletcher says**

Me I am is Poetry book written by Jack Prelutsky with pictures by Christine Davenier. This poem is intended for readers ages three to six. Me I am, is about children who do not fit into the stereotype roles society puts on them and learning that it is okay to be different. This poem does an amazing job of teaching kids is okay to stand out and to be unique because there is no other you. Especially with this day in age where bullying is so prominent, its important to give children a chance to express themselves and let them know its okay to send out from the crowd. I give this poetry book a five of out five because in such a short poem Jack Prelutsky was able to to get a much larger point across with his simplistic words. I also enjoyed the watercolor esc imagery throughout the book that really told the other half of the story. Without the imagery the reader would not have been able to draw the connections the author was trying to make. I can see children reciting this poem everyday as a motivator tool to start the day and to remain positive even in times of self-pity. Whenever your feeling down just remember “I am the only ME I AM this earth shall ever see”.

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### **Sam says**

As a Sam I am, I find this book unnecessary but if any kid doesn't have the name Sam and wants to trap their parent into this tongue twisting chanty book, have at it. The pictures are lovely and representative.

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### **Aisha Rokarya says**

Me I am! written by by Jack Prelutsky and illustrated by Christine Davenier is a realistic fiction book. It is a story of three different children with unique personalities. A story of a tomboy, a boy who wants to be a vet and a girl who is creative and playful. This book is a great representation of accepting yourself for who are. It does not matter what you like to do and how it may be different than the norm. This book points out the fact there is only one you and your uniqueness is valued in this world. The book has a lot of repetition in it to reiterate the point of self acceptance. The illustrations are great guide to help students pick out the unique qualities of each child. The illustrations are colorful and really grab the readers attention. This book does not have a typical problem and solution story line, it is just a very uplifting story. I recommend this book because it really helps children to accept not only themselves but also others.

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### **Lynn Davidson says**

Poems and fun illustrations about being the only "ME", no one like "ME."

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### **Amanda Wooden says**

This was a cute book of poetry for children. I was not a huge fan of the illustrations but to each its own. I did enjoy the message that this book portrays which is that no one else can be you other than you.

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### **Jess says**

Me I Am! is written by the U.S. Children's Laureate, Jack Prelutsky and illustrated by Christine Davenier. In this book, the read will learn that it doesn't matter what skin they are in and that every one is unique. This important message is drilled home in this book by the repetition Prelutsky uses. The would make a terrific read aloud for younger children in grades K-3. It is a bit of a tongue twister, but the repetition and rhyme is sure to keep the attention of younger children. Kids will also enjoy the humorous illustrations, which depict a different child on each page, showing off what makes them unique. A good poem with a great message.

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### **Paul says**

Energetically illustrated with primarily repetitive verse. While the core message could easily be sanctified for building children's confidence or dismissed as buying into the Me culture, it doesn't seem that the young

listeners to this title will be disadvantaged to be reminded that they are loved for their uniqueness. The illustrations lift the pretty simple verse off the ground to fly.

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### **Macy says**

" Me I Am " written by Jack Prelutsky and illustrated by Christine Davenier is a short and sweet poetry children's book. This book is about young children describing how there is only one of them in the world. There is a page and illustration for each child. This book is a fun read and has an important message for all.

The author definitely utilizes rhyming and repetition throughout the book. The author repeats the same phrase over and over again for each child. I think the author did this on purpose in order to emphasize the main theme that children should be proud of who they are and embrace their individuality because they are the only them in the world. The author uses very basic wording and the repetition will help children to understand and remember the message. The rhyming also helps the repetition to not get boring, it helps give it excitement. The illustrations in this book help add to the overall message. First of all, there are so many colors that are used that help emphasize the happiness that the children feel by being themselves. Also, the illustrations include many details and have a lot going on in each of them showing how you should embrace what you love and be who you are no matter what. Overall, this book has a strong message and helps children understand poetry in a fun and engaging way.

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### **Heather Bowden says**

The main idea is that there is only one you in the world and that you should embrace your uniqueness. The main characters are three children, one girl who is a tomboy, a boy who seems to have a love for nature, and another girl who is very girlie and wants to be a ballerina. The book is fiction and it is also a poem that is repeated three different times in the book to coincide with each character.

After reading a couple of books about diversity in friendships I will read this book and ask the children if the three characters in the book could be friends. This would require a response from the children, if they answer yes I would ask them what they could do when they play together since they all seem to be into different things. If they have trouble getting started with ideas I would suggest that the children in the book could talk and listen to each other about their likes and dislikes, I'm sure they will find out that they have some things in common. If they answer no, I will choose two friends I see playing together often, in my class, preferably a boy and a girl. Then I'll ask the girl what her favorite hobby is and then ask the boy the same question (hopefully getting two different responses), then I can say "They are friends so why can't all the children in the book be friends?"

Neither the author nor the illustrator resemble the children in the book. But they did a good job with showing the differences between each child, with plenty of clues of what each child likes, even though the text itself doesn't talk about what the children like to do. Again this can teach children that it's okay to have different interests than your friend, you may even find something else that you will enjoy doing.

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### **Dolly says**

This is a book with good intentions; colorful illustrations that show kids doing different activities, a repetitive poem that highlights the importance of being yourself, and overall, celebrating your uniqueness. I

must admit, though, that our girls weren't overly impressed with the book and the "Me I am" poem is a bit of a tongue-twister. Great effort and intentions, but not our favorite book.

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### **Andréa says**

As with most Prelutsky, it's fun to read out loud

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### **Destiny says**

This is a book about children of all skin colors and races loving the skin that they are in. This book shows different stories of several children telling why they love the skin that they are in. I think that this story would be very interesting to children. So many children can relate to this book. It represents so many races and cultures. This is another book that shows self love, no matter what the color of your skin is. This book shows that all races are beautiful and all races matter. It is showing that no skin color is more important than the next. I think the illustrations for this book are perfect. The illustrations actually help the children relate more to the book. Children can look at the pictures and notice that one of the character's skin colors is just like theirs. The characters in this book show a variety of cultures. So many cultures are represented in this book. This is what I like most about this book. It can represent so many different children and can help all children with loving their skin. I think that this is a happy book, representing all people in a positive light. I think this would be a great book to read in a classroom with a diverse setting.

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