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Artie Knapp : Stuttering Stan Takes a Stand before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Stuttering Stan Takes a Stand:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. My students did not like the storyBy Brenda Schrader JohnsonStuttering Stan is a poorly written story. My students did not like the story.1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great BookBy Amanda E. CasteelThis book is terrific. I was introduced to it in my Language and Literacy education classes at Penn State. There are few illustrations, but this makes the text more powerful. I

recommend this book to any reader, stutterer, or person with a disability. It deserves more than five stars. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A Disappointing Children's Book with a Couple Good Lessons By Michael

Reviewing children's books is a first for me, but this one caught my interest for personal reasons. Disappointingly, it wasn't the kind of story I was expecting. "Stuttering Stan" isn't a book for children who stutter as much as it is for children who are around a child who stutters; teaching the lesson that making fun of speech difficulties can hurt feelings. All fine and good, but there are a few things about the book that bug me. "Stuttering Stan" isn't your typical picture book, in as that there's a lot more text than illustrations; it's obviously written for children in the third or fourth grade. I'm no child psychologist, but I can't help but think that at this age, children oughtn't be encouraged to identify people by their conditions or disabilities, like Stanley the squirrel is until the end of the book. What's next - "Autistic Otto," "Tourette Theresa," "Cerebral Palsy Sasha?" I'm not encouraging that disabilities in children remain unrecognized, but this seems like a very immature and sticky way to go about it. The book makes a couple good points about the benefit of friends and the courage required to make them, and not treating others as poorly as they treat us. However, the book doesn't really address the anxiety that limits the social life of a lot of young stutterers. In the book, Stanley doesn't want to share his candy bars with the other animals because (1) he's a squirrel, and all squirrels hoard food for the winter, and (2) he doesn't like that they tease him about his stuttering. The second reason is obviously relatable to the human world, but the story goes on to compare stuttering to having missing front teeth, and that being able to cope with the one is the same as the other. WRONG. Obviously author Artie Knapp was trying to come up with a more common parallel to teach kids that teasing is hurtful, even if it's not meant maliciously, but overcoming the anxiety of two lost teeth that grow back is very different from overcoming the anxiety of struggling with words every time you open your mouth. I'm aware that the American Institute for Stuttering and the National Stuttering Association have praised this book, and good for them - we definitely need a few more books to make children aware of disabilities like this. I only wish that one with an eye-catching cover such as this was a bit more refined and forthright in its message.

Teased and bullied about his stuttering, Stanley the squirrel refuses to let on that his feelings are being hurt, until one day he learns an important lesson from a new friend. Ages 6-10/ Easy reader with spot illustrations

Mr. Knapp writes a wonderful tale of friendship, building self-esteem and the understanding of others with disabilities. This children's book is about a squirrel who stutters and how his disability affects his life and those around him. Stuttering Stan learns that friendship, understanding and self-respect are important for everyone. This book should be read by all children and adults alike to reaffirm those important life lessons that Stan's story brings to the forefront. Tammy Flores, Executive Director The National Stuttering Association

Written by author Artie Knapp especially for young readers ages 6 to 10, Stuttering Stan Takes a Stand is a storybook about a boy squirrel who loves many of the same things his fellow squirrels do, but has difficulty speaking. Stanley keeps his feelings about being teased bottled inside, until he makes a friend that teaches him an invaluable lesson. Charming woodland creatures and an adventures plot with heart and a solid moral distinguish this excellent book for teaching children about stuttering, whether they personally have a problem with it or not. The Midwest Book Children who stutter often bear the emotional burden of being targets for undeserved teasing and bullying. Stuttering Stan is such a gift to those children as well as to any child who is teased. It gives them an empowered model for handling those bullies! Thank you for this book, Mr. Knapp. Catherine S. Montgomery, Executive Director American Institute for Stuttering

The plot unfolds smartly over 30 pages, complete with conflict, intrigue, rascality, love, friendship, humor and a resolution that surprises and satisfies. Knapp's story will give courage to children who stutter, reassuring them that they have a valuable voice that others should hear. It also will help children who do not stutter become more understanding. Bill Maxwell, Editorial Columnist, Tampa Bay Times

Artie Knapp's knack for identifying the things that worry children shines in Stuttering Stan Takes a Stand. His characters, displayed in especially lovely illustrations, and their interactions, are those young children will recognize from their experiences on playgrounds and in their classrooms. Embedded in this appealing story are important messages about human kindness and acceptance of challenges. This is a book I will be recommending to educators everywhere. Kathleen Carpenter, Editor, Teachers.Net Gazette