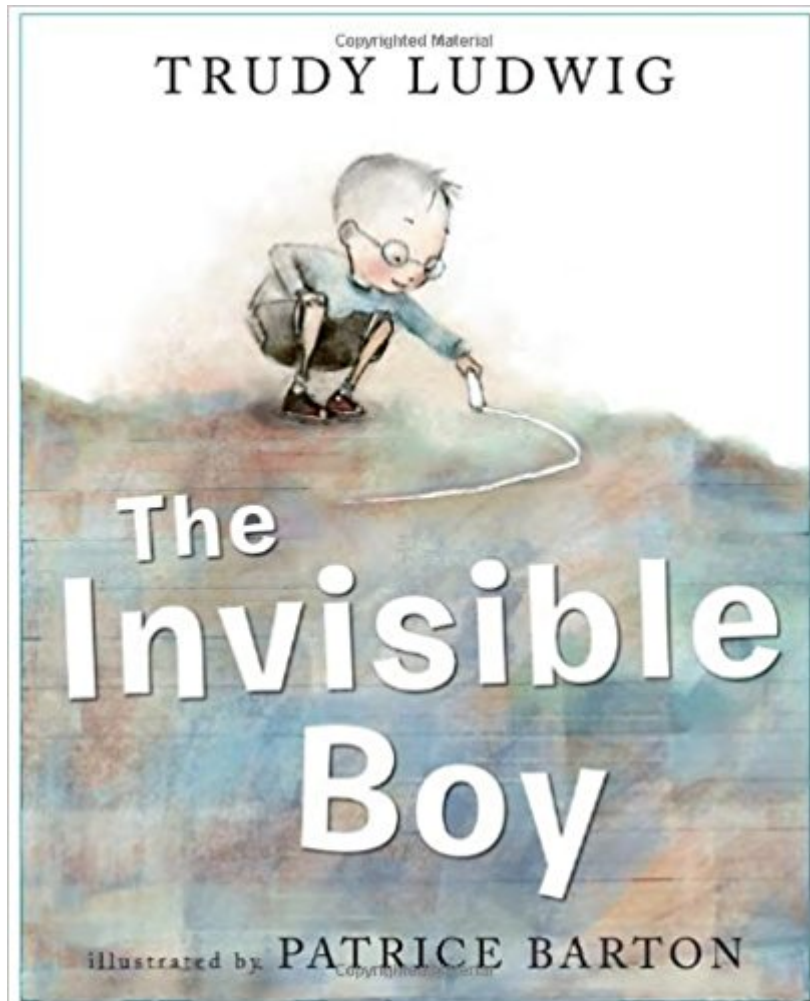




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The Invisible Boy



Synopsis

A simple act of kindness can transform an invisible boy into a friend...Meet Brian, the invisible boy. Nobody ever seems to notice him or think to include him in their group, game, or birthday party . . . until, that is, a new kid comes to class. When Justin, the new boy, arrives, Brian is the first to make him feel welcome. And when Brian and Justin team up to work on a class project together, Brian finds a way to shine. From esteemed author and speaker Trudy Ludwig and acclaimed illustrator Patrice Barton, this gentle story shows how small acts of kindness can help children feel included and allow them to flourish. Any parent, teacher, or counselor looking for material that sensitively addresses the needs of quieter children will find *The Invisible Boy* a valuable and important resource. Â Â Includes backmatter with discussion questions and resources for further reading. Â Â

Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

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Customer Reviews

K-Gr 2Â çâ â œBrian feels invisible. His teacher hardly notices him, the other kids never invite him to play, and he eats lunch alone. But he loves to draw, so at recess, he creates comics about greedy pirates, battling space aliens, and superheroes with the power to make friends everywhere. One day, a new boy, Justin, joins the class. The other children make fun of him for eating Bulgogi, a

Korean dish, but Brian slips him a friendly note. When it is time to find partners for a class project, Justin asks Brian to join him and another boy. Brian's artistic talents come in handy, and finally he is no longer invisible. This is a simple yet heartfelt story about a boy who has been excluded for no apparent reason but finds a way to cope and eventually gains acceptance. Barton's scribbly illustrations look like something Brian may have made. Pencil sketches painted digitally are set against lots of white space, and sometimes atop a background of Brian's drawings on lined notebook paper. At the start of this picture book, Brian is shown in shades of gray while the rest of the world is in color, a visual reminder of his isolation. Color starts to creep in as he is noticed by Justin. Once he becomes part of the group, he is revealed in full color. The thought-provoking story includes questions for discussion and suggested reading lists for adults and children in the back matter. Pair this highly recommended book with Jacqueline Woodson's *Each Kindness* (Penguin, 2012) for units on friendship or feelings. —Martha Simpson, Stratford Library Association, CT (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

For the first half of Ludwig's picture book, a lonesome-looking boy appears rendered in gray and white. Even the teacher has no time for "invisible" Brian, as she is busy dealing with the noisy children in her class. Brian, with his big glasses and toothy smile, gets his hopes dashed when he isn't picked for the kickball team. He finds solace in his drawings, where fire-breathing dragons scale tall buildings and superheroes have the power to make friends. When new student Justin arrives, Brian befriends him when the others don't, and they become buddies and even add a third boy to become a trio. Now visible in glorious color, Brian and his new friends present a project to their newly appreciative classmates. The joyful last pages show Brian with the children playing happily in real and imaginary activities. Brian's childlike drawings, done in ink and collage, are spot-on in representing the way children depict their imaginary world and their very real feelings. "Questions for Discussion" in the back matter provide guidelines for teachers and parents. Preschool-Grade 2. --Lolly Gepson

One of my favorite books to read to children!

A must read with young children. So many relevant topics embedded within and great conversation starters.

Our four years old love it. We read every day before bed time. Very nicely written. Every parents should have this book.

I love starting the year in my classroom with this book. A great way to show kids that everyone matters. I highly recommend!

Such a sweet story. My 5 year old boy loves it!

This book is amazing. It touched my heart. I will read it to my children and will be giving it to all my nephews. The illustrations are beautiful and simple, and it teaches the lesson of kindness and inclusion perfectly. It's so easy to include others, especially at a young age. I wish every child would read this book and then become a leader of kindness. This book should be in every library and in every school.

Very touching story of being "odd man out" as a kid....and then not

Truly a wonderfully sweet touching book! The illustrations are perfect for the text and story, the message is what I would want my kids to pick up on, and it is sweetly written. I have read it over and over and feel a pang every time!

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