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Description:

From School Library Journal PreSchool-Grade 2-This cheerful, instructive title highlights the power of words. The focus is on children taking personal responsibility for what they say, as well as thinking before speaking. Communication skills that promote friendship and other key social skills are encouraged. Bright, colorful illustrations convey the messages well via body language and facial expression. Examples expose the negative impact caused by the use of hurtful words and the

effective use of the simple, powerful phrase, "I'm sorry." Also included are steps for adults and children to take to get help with a serious problem, such as abuse. This title is similar in scope to Lauren Murphy Payne and Claudia Rohling's *We Can Get Along* (Free Spirit, 1997), but encompasses a broader range of relationships, along with activity and discussion suggestions for involved adults.-*Sharon A. Neal, Immaculata University, PA*

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From PreS. Before addressing the topic of the power of language, Verdick helps preschoolers focus on the fun of it, with words that are super short, really long, or just plain silly. She reminds young children that their words belong to them; they choose what to say and how to say it. She uses examples to help preschoolers understand how words can be helpful ("Let's work together") or hurtful ("You're stupid"), and she explores the feelings that result after hearing unkind words. She also explains how to take back hateful words by saying "I'm sorry," and what children can do when they hear something cruel being said. The brightly colored drawings, which bring the minimal text to life, are especially effective at showing the range of emotions children experience when they hear unkind language. An excellent resource for sharing at home and at preschools, this title closes with activities and discussion starters for adults to use with young children. *Karen Hutt*

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