

Zorah and the Very Big Question

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About Zorah and the Very Big Question

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Reviews

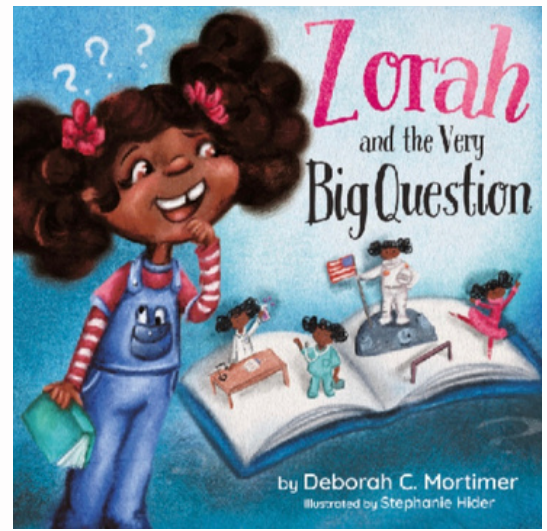
"To just say this was a good book would be an understatement. I loved it the moment I open the pages to read it. The colors were vibrant and eye catching from the beginning. I love the coordination of the illustrations on each page...brilliant. My favorite part of this book was taking the journey with Zorah as she thought about all the things she could be. I can't wait to share this book with my granddaughter as it's full of images that look like her. The author and illustrator did a phenomenal job!!" - Neka Scott Arnold

Ok Zorah's sweet spirit unlocks the wonder of imagination for every reader! The brief encounters and connections that Zorah makes throughout the book, allow for the growth of conceptual knowledge of each career, as well as, opens the door for deeper conversations with your young readers long after the last sentence. With intentionality to have women of color in these professions, Deborah C. Mortimer's book is a 'Representation Matters' WIN! Zorah, gives every child the gift of the impactful message that they can be ANYTHING! This read aloud treasure will leave your little ones with a sense of pride for their passions!

- Sherricka Carpenter Stanley

Zorah is a young girl full of life and questions. She is at the age where she has questions about any and everything and the answers are what will help her shape her decisions. I loved how the author used different experiences and people that Zorah knew, to ask the question of, "what will I be?" Zorah has so many positive examples to chose from but in all she realized that she can be anything that she puts her mind to! Great read and great reminders to children that they don't have to follow the narrative but be their own person!

- Shanequa Waison Rattray



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About Deborah C. Mortimer

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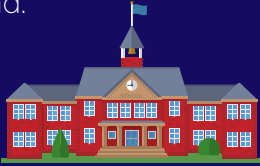
All Children Ages 4-10,



Zorah and the Very Big Question encourages children to question the world around them, with a particular focus on different career choices and how these choices relate to their own interests and skills. The book's aim is to get children thinking about possible future careers, with the motivation that with hard work anything is possible. It also emphasizes that it's ok to not have an immediate answer to some of life's big questions,



The book is intentional in representing women, especially women of color in the featured careers, with the pinnacle being Vice President, Kamala Harris. A retelling of her election win speech amplifies the notion that girls (especially girls of color) can become anything they want. As a bonus, the images further normalize women in these careers, which is important representation for both girls AND boys regardless of their background.



Teachers, Counselors & Librarians

It is a great tool for having a diverse selection of books for your readers. Great for all grade levels, K-5. Gives a concise but meaningful overview of different careers to spark interest, curiosity and open dialogue.

It fosters creative expression, imaginative play, self-exploration and thought, self-advocacy and empathy. It also promotes emotional expression and creates a safe space to explore the reader's questions and feelings, particularly with their parents and teacher. It encourages children to analyze their world and how they fit in it, now and in the future. It is also great reading during Black History Month to show the Black Family in a positive way.

Visiting Author, Deborah C. Mortimer

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What readers are saying:

This was a great read, very encouraging and it showed that it's ok to know and to not know. Just continue to have confidence in yourself. I think the kids will love this book.
-Verified Amazon Purchaser



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