



Who is this book for?

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.

This book is all about inspiring young minds, representation and believing in yourself! While the book is intentional in representing women of color in the featured careers, it has a message of empowerment that is both gender and race neutral. And while it can be particularly inspirational to girls, it also normalizes, for boys, that women do big and powerful things in the world too.



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 critical thinking, 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 African-American Family in a positive way.

Visiting Author, Deborah C. Mortimer

- Virtual Story Times
- In Person Story Times (when safe)
- Book Signing Parades
- Virtual Book Fairs



Zorah and the Very Big Question

By: Deborah C. Mortimer



When Zorah's teacher asks the class what they want to be when they grow up, Zorah realizes that she doesn't have a clue. In fact, Zorah thinks the more important question is, what CAN she be? Follow Zorah on her journey to discover all the things she can be, from a lawyer or scientist to a ballerina or even president of the United States!

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.

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!

Great read and great reminders to children that they don't have to follow the narrative but be their own person!

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