

Because

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Look at the Illustrations—Diversity in the People

Diversity in the People

Recognize the numerous cultures and peoples all existing together and enjoying the experience as a whole



Recognize the different families that contribute to the classroom as a whole



► When choosing multicultural books, “choose books that have modern-day characters and not just historical figures”

(Grant & Ray, 2019, p. 156)

Support All in the Classroom

Provide learning opportunities that support a child's needs and interests



Support the family needs, goals, and ideas



Equity in the classroom

- ▶ “Teachers who have high expectations and are committed to ensuring excellence by creating curriculum that is relevant to each student’s family culture and living conditions” impact success at school and in the home (Grant & Ray, 2019, p. 83)

Support the Child and the Family for Success

Soon, she started
to write music, too—

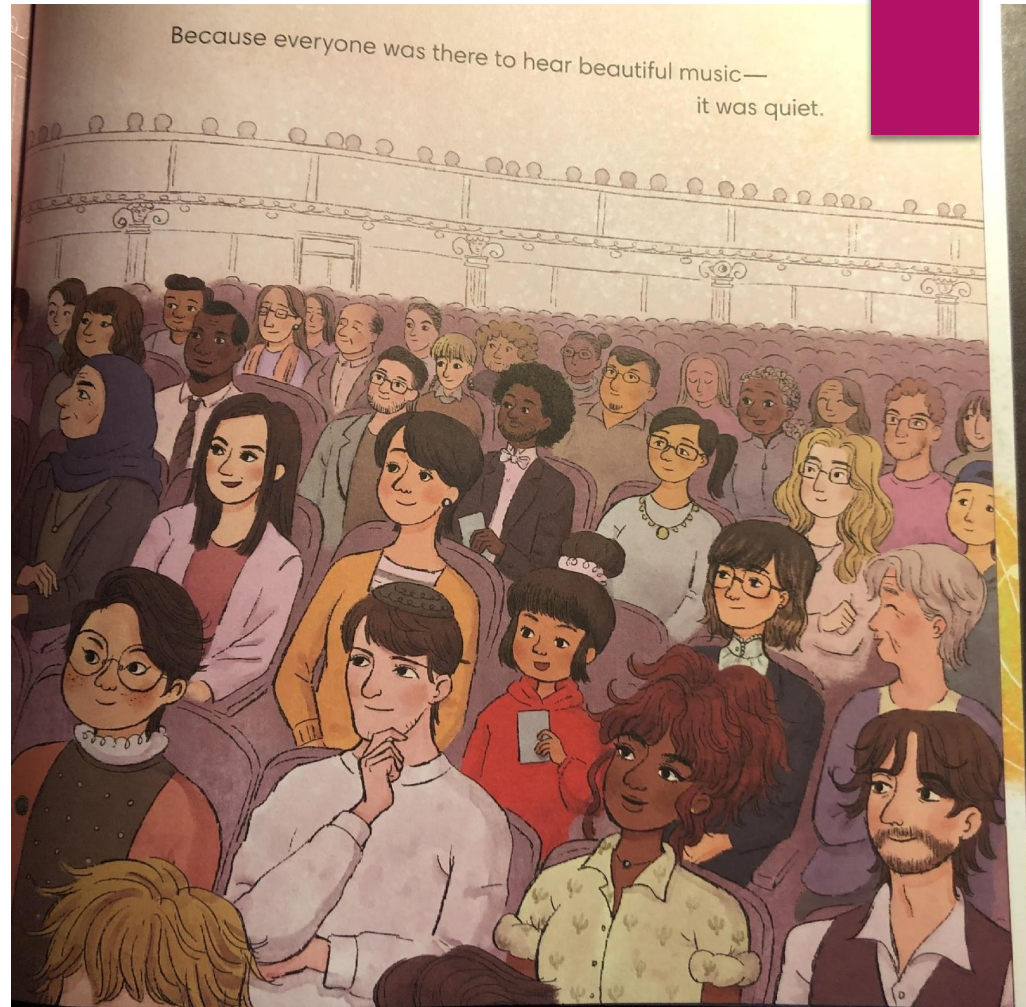
because, like Franz,
the young woman had
something to share.

Her composition was
dedicated to the uncle in
row C, seat 14—

because it was his ticket that brought her here.

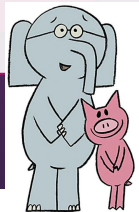
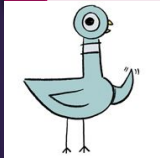
Model Tolerance and Acceptance

- ▶ “It will be important for you to understand the beliefs and values of the diverse families of your students and be respectful of those that are different from yours” (Grant & Ray, 2019, p. 68)



Additional, Fun Information!

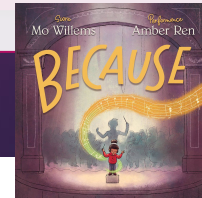
Mo Willems is a New York Times best-selling author, who has written other books such as, the The Pigeon Series and the Elephant and Piggie Series. More fun found at <http://pigeonpresents.com/>!



Amber Ren is the illustrator and studied art because of a painting she saw. Her story is similar to the girl in the story who was transformed into a conductor. More information found at <https://www.amber-ren.com/home!>



Also, <https://youtu.be/lh7S5r78tS0> directs you to a less than two-minute video about how the story Because was written and a song composed all came together to create this book.



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