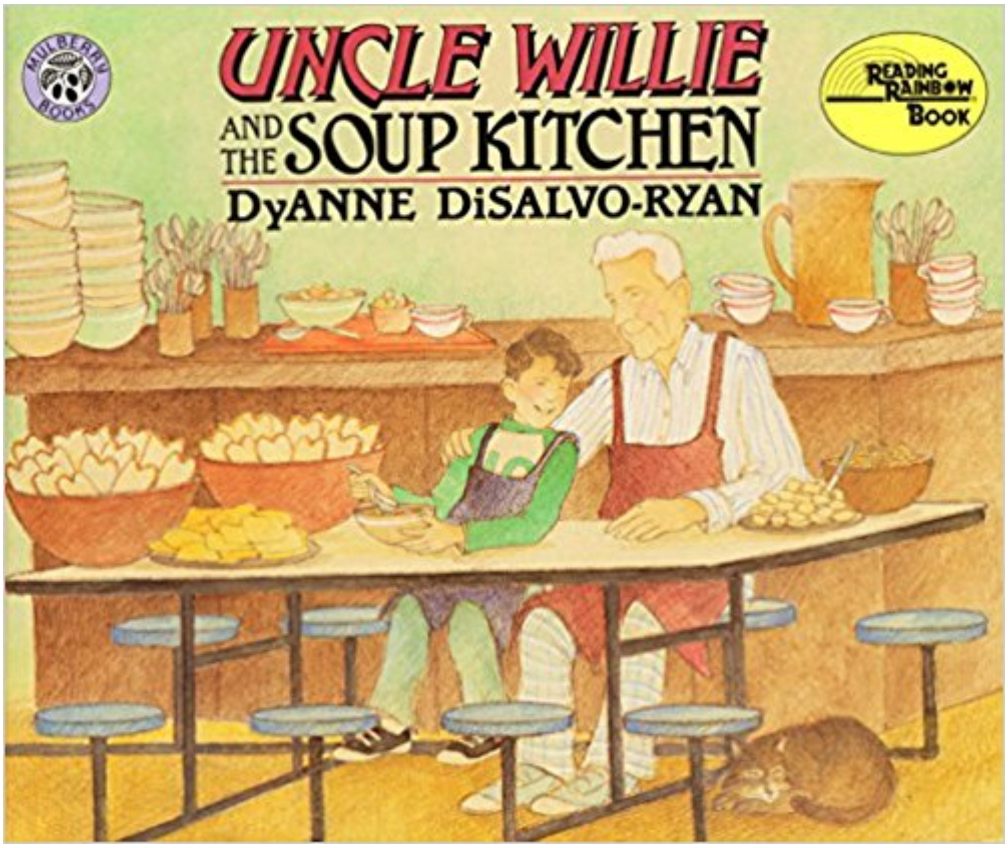
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Synopsis

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

Grade 1-3-- If good intentions made great picture books, this would be a winner. A young boy accompanies his after-school companion, Uncle Willie, to a city soup kitchen where Willie works daily. In a "bed-to-bed" manner of storytelling, readers are informed of the operation of the soup kitchen as the unnamed boy assumes the role of helper and narrator. There are some discrepancies in the text. How could the steaming soup pots on the stove "make the whole place smell delicious" before any of the ingredients have been added? If the soup kitchen is "small and bright," how does it hold 125 people? These inconsistencies, however, are not so much of a drawback as the didactic tone. The competent pictures in soft pastels are sufficient to tell much of the story, but the long, repetitive text makes this book difficult to use as a read-aloud for story hours. Although this seems to be an accurate picture of a topic that is certainly of current concern, the format suggests a younger audience than the one for whom the subject matter would be most interesting and relevant. --Martha Rosen, Edgewood School, Scarsdale, NYCopyright 1991 Reed

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"A wholesome look at this benevolent institution."--" Kirkus"Successful. . . .This is informative and new, but not scary."--" Booklist

This book really touched my heart as I read it to my Second Grade students. It’s very nice to provide some schematic context to children who have no concept of the homeless families in our community or people being hungry on a daily basis. This book opened up a wonderful discussion. The only complaint I have is that the pictures are skittle dated and didn’t hold some of the children’s attention for the entire book.

I was a little worried when I first leafed through this book that it would be too lengthy for my first graders. After reading through it, I think the students will be able to sit through a read-aloud while remaining engaged with the story. The book introduces children to the concept of homelessness/working poor without burdening them with too much detail. I plan to incorporate the story into lessons focusing on ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“empathyÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• and finding ways to be helpful/contribute. I like the simplicity of the story but also the fact that it is not at all judgmental in its tone. I know I have students who have eaten at our local shared meals program and receive food through our food bank.

The book was very appealing to the second graders who heard this story.... very realistic too... We had just had a Walk for the Homeless, and this story was a wonderful way to let children see a soup kitchen in action. The story is realistic, and at their level... I will donate a few copies of this book to our school so that other teachers can have it in their classrooms in the future.... Wonderful purchase at a good price!

Wonderful way to teach children to think of others.

Overall I really like this book. I have two complaints. First off, it’s hard to read without getting a little teary eyed. But I’m like that with reading sad things. And my second issue is that it’s a little boring for young kids. My son is able to sit and listen to much longer chapter books, but always loses focus with this one. A great book to teach about helping others and gently let children know that there are people so poor they may not even be able to buy food, a concept very foreign to my son.

Love the subject And illustrations but the actually story could be a little more interesting. My favorite part: when the boy realizes the guy who collects the recycling in his shopping cart is actually ok to speak to. Best for early to middle elementary age, possibly older.

purchased for my grandson for Christmas. Great story.

A great story about helping the hungry as seen through the eyes of a timid boy and how it can be fun!

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