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“A gracefully appropriate addition to the duo’s superb collection.” —*Kirkus*

The eighth hilarious picture book by the #1 *New York Times* bestselling team of Jamie Lee Curtis and Laura Cornell helps little people communicate in a big person's world.

With grown-up words like **cooperate, respect, patience, and considerate**, a large, boisterous family celebrates the power of language and discovers that words—big *or* little—are the bridge that connects us all.

I know some Big Words.

I'll teach them to you.

Although you are small,

you can use Big Words too.

Big Words aren't scary.

They're big fun to learn.

I was taught once

and now it's your turn.

Big Words for Little People Details

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Caitlin Mayer says

1. This book introduces children to big words, some of which they may hear in every day rhetoric, but don't understand. For example, cooperation, consequence, and appropriate. This book not only introduces the word in a sentence and defines it in a kid friendly way, but also gives fun examples of how the word can be used.
2. I think this book is wonderful at engaging students. Its bright illustrations and funny scenarios make this book very relatable for young audiences, all while enhancing their vocabulary.
3. I would pair this book with Hairy, Scary, Ordinary. This book also uses a wide variety of advanced vocabulary, especially adjectives.
4. This would be a great book to utilize along with writing as a way to get students to use more advanced language. For example, instead of using the word good, students may read this book and decide to use the word stupendous.

Kary says

I'm a sucker for books with good vocabulary.

Mandy says

(4.5)

Alexis Holmes says

This book is fun and whimsical while also teaching new vocabulary to students. The descriptions of each word are simple yet accurate and the pictures that accompany it develop the meanings and engage children. Very cute, and a very good tool in teaching vocabulary.

Debbie says

Really adorable kids book. I loved how it teaches important words and new words. We got to talk about what they mean and how to use them. My 4 and 6 year old loved it.

Jocelyn says

Rhyming, good messages, fun pictures!

Jamie says

Lots of things to look at in the illustrations! I especially love the curtain dress kit and cobweb collection! Very cute and educational! Plus I love Jamie Lee Curtis!

Melanie says

I love when adults make an effort to use higher level vocabulary with young children. However, this book really doesn't have a story line; each 2-page spread is an introduction to a different word. It does make for a good rhythm to the story.

Clwseattle says

LOVE Big Words for Little People because the *big words* are woven into a narrative about the reader. It's fun to look at the illustrations but more than that, the *words* are instructive and illustrative for a child to live successfully in the world: 'privacy', 'consequence', 'cooperate', 'inappropriate', 'patience', 'persevere'.

5 star Kudos to the author!

Madeline Conzett says

This book is very clever and fun to read to younger children. It contains "bigger" words, so to speak, that younger children might not know or use in their everyday conversations. The illustrations are very bright, colorful and fun, and really add to the meanings of the words on the pages. This book doesn't have a storyline or characters, but it is a fun read to get kids thinking. There are many activities a teacher could do with this book when the class is done reading it, like having the students pick their favorite big word or think of their own big word that they know. The words used in this book are also useful, such words as "Irate" "celebrate" "intelligent" and "family" can be useful to younger children, and can make them feel smarter!

Mely says

3.5 stars
a little busy for small children. but the rhythm of the writing is enjoyable.

Emma Zvonar says

This book takes learning new, challenging words and makes it fun. These short poems/stories are fun to read

and hear with humorous details and illustrations. The illustrations are bright and the fun visualizations will help students make deeper connections with the meanings of words.

Steve Holden says

I recently rediscovered this one on my class shelf. It's a very positive one for kids to spend time with. It's has great vocabulary and a great message for kids to be positive and confident in themselves. Most of the books I've read and own from Jamie Lee Curtis are great positive behavior books, and a focus of our school and district currently.

Nicola says

A wonderful and approachable book that teaches words like 'respect', 'perseverance', and 'appropriate' as well as plenty of other big words. Loved the Julie Andrews references that were slipped in!

Miss 4 and I like to explore different books and authors at the library, sometimes around particular topics or themes. We try to get different ones out every week or so; it's fun for both of us to have the variety and to look at a mix of new & favourite authors.

Susan says

I am not a fan of celebrities writing for children, often the books are mediocre and yet sell like hotcakes since we are such a "star" driven society (why, people, why?) and then it seems we are stocking bookshelves with books of tepid rhymes and patronizing stories. However, Jamie Lee Curtis left celebrity status a long time ago in her writing and is, simply, a good writer. Her books cheerlead and encourage children and yet never talk down to them and, even better, are actually well written and fun to read and share.
