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Rosie is wearing her red cape, sitting up in her thinking tree wondering what she'll be when she grows up. People are always asking her that question, but she doesn't have an answer. She's not old enough to be a pilot, or a paramedic, or a dog groomer. But she does believe that she can still do lots of terrific things right now.

So when she goes for a walk with her dad and they pass a food bank, Rosie knows that she can do something pro-active while she's still a kid. She can tell this is a special place and when she is there she feels useful and special too. But when Rosie bumps into a friend who seems embarrassed to be there with his family, she must figure out a way to make him feel better.

Rosie tilts her head this way and that to look at the situation from the perspective of someone needing to use the food bank and comes up with a plan to help her friend. The next day at school, Rosie waits until art class to bring up the idea of starting a canned food drive that everyone can help out with - including Sam. Since Sam is the most talented drawer in the class Rosie asks him to make the posters for the food drive, lifting his spirits and showing him that everyone can contribute in their own way.

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Barbara says

I like the inspiring message contained in this book. It isn't necessary to be an adult or wait until you grow up in order to do something positive or make a difference. Who knows what anyone will end up becoming when he/she is older? But the time for action is now. All of these positive realizations come to Rosie the Red as she ponders her future, and then after she and her father volunteer at a community food bank, she feels good about her actions. The other troublesome part of her experience occurs when her friend Sam turns up at the food bank with his mother to get a box of food. Although I'm sure that this sort of thing happens all the time, which could be a source of embarrassment, Rosie never speaks about it, and just enlists her classmates in a food drive and Sam in drawing a poster. It's probably the right thing to do, but I wonder if the friends might end up discussing the situation at some point. Young readers will find Rosie with her positive attitude and flying red cape pretty irresistible, and she's certainly a great model for how we might act. Even the simplest actions can have positive results and make us feel as though what we do matters.

Karen Michener says

This book needs to be in all elementary school libraries! Such an inspirational read. Loved it!

Sandra says

This story is very sweet. I loved the idea of this beautiful girl wanting to do something right now, and don't just wait to grow up. What drop the rating down for me was the fact that there are kind of two stories (Rosie wanted to be useful now, and Sam feeling ashamed for receiving help from the Food Bank) and at the end it felt like it was too much for only one book. None of them feel totally wrapped up. Maybe two books, one for each story, would have done it better. Just a thought.

But I've said, I liked the book, and I would recommend it.

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Heidi says

This was a Goodreads Giveaway book. Cute picture book about a child recognizing that she doesn't have to wait until she grows up to make a difference in the world.

Carla Johnson-Hicks says

This is the second Rosie the Red book. Rosie is confused about what she wants to be when she grows up. She thinks she is too young to do anything until her father takes her to a food bank where they volunteer. When her friend Sam and his mother show up to get a box of food, he is embarrassed. Rosie tilts her head to help her think until she comes up with an idea to help Sam realize he can help others. Everything works out and Sam is happy again.

A great book to use with students (SK to gr. 3) to show them that anyone can make a difference and help others in this world no matter how young.

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Kris - My Novelesque Life says

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★★★1/2

Rosie is sitting in a tree pondering what she what she will be when she grows. She knows she is too young to be a pilot and other ideas that come to her. Then her father asks her to come to the food bank with her and she discovers that she can do something at the age she is...volunteer. While helping she sees a schoolmate who seems embarrassed to be seen at the food bank. Now, Rosie has to do something to make him feel better.

I like the illustrations especially of Rosie herself. The story is great for young kids as it allows children to feel like they can help and do things at a young age. Also, it explains to them that those that need help should not be looked down on. A great story that also aids in teaching children.

Kelly says

I thought it was a good enough book with decent illustrations. But there was something about it that didn't work for me. The story seems disjointed at times. The subject matter is handled well enough for the age group, but the story just doesn't flow very well.

Barbra says

When Rosie is asked what she wants to be when she grows up she starts to think about what she wants to be right now. Her answer comes to her when they pass the Food Bank. After seeing how they help families in her own town she knows she has found something she can do that will make a difference. This story will appeal to adults and children ages' five to eight as a way to discuss kindness and caring.

Allison says

This book was okay, but there wasn't a lot of substance. It was like one of those books that tries to teach kids a moral lesson but forgets that they don't need to talk down to kids to do so. That's an unfortunate side-affect that many books trying to teach kids about others do poorly. The illustrations were well-done, though. If anything, considering the long-winded paragraphs and the amount of conversational back-and-forth between Rosie and the adults in the story, this would have done well as an easy reader instead of a picture book.
