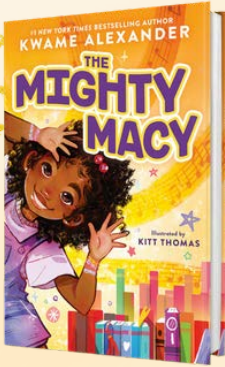


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TEACHING TIPS

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU FEEL SCARED TO SPEAK UP?

In *The Mighty Macy*, Macy feels nervous about speaking in front of other people. Sometimes her voice feels small, even when her thoughts feel big. She worries about saying the wrong thing or not being brave enough.

Have you ever felt scared to speak up? What made it hard? Was it where you were, who you were with, or how you felt inside?

When you think about Macy and her story, what helps her find the courage to use her voice? What could help you speak up the next time something important needs to be said?



HOW DO YOU USE WORDS TO SHOW WHO YOU ARE?

In *The Mighty Macy*, words are powerful. Macy uses poems, music, and messages to share how she feels and what she believes. Her words help her understand herself and help others listen.

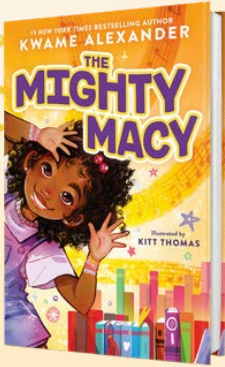
As you read, notice the words Macy chooses and how they change her story. How do you use words to show who you are? When have your words helped you be mighty?

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LIBRARY VS. CAFETERIA: DEFEND YOUR CHOICE!

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BOOKS ARE HEALTHIER
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Macy feels upset because something she cares about was taken away and she is not excited about the cafeteria. Do you agree?

In the space below, draw a picture, write a poem, or explain which place you would choose and why.
Cafeteria or Library?

What do you like about it?
How does it make you feel?



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MAKE YOUR OWN SYMPHONY OF WORDS

In *The Mighty Macy*, Macy thinks about how orchestras are made up of many different instruments and when those instruments come together, they play a symphony.

When Macy thinks about this, she has an idea.

**WHAT IF I DID
A SYMPHONY OF
WORDS!**

Macy realizes that words can work together the way music does.

WHAT IS A METAPHOR?

A metaphor is when you describe something by comparing it to something else.

For example:

- If you say a place is “a warm blanket,” you don’t mean it is really a blanket.
- You mean it makes you feel safe and comfortable.

Macy uses music as a metaphor to help her think about words in a new way.

YOUR TURN

Think about a place that means a lot to you, the way the library means a lot to Macy.

It could be...

- your library
- your bedroom
- your school
- your grandmother’s house

...anywhere that feels important to you.

Now imagine that place is a symphony.

- What words would be the strings?
- What words would be the brass?

What words would be the percussion?

Write a short poem or list on the next page that makes your symphony of words to describe the place that means so much to you.

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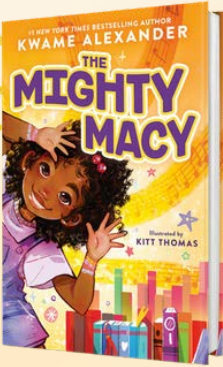
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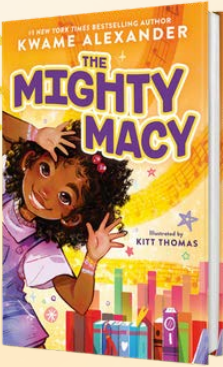


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WHAT MAKES YOU MIGHTY?

Think about Macy and her story. Then, answer the questions below using words or pictures.

WHEN HAVE YOU HAD TO SPEAK UP ABOUT SOMETHING IMPORTANT?

WHO HELPS YOU FEEL CONFIDENT WHEN THINGS ARE HARD?

WHAT MAKES YOU MIGHTY?

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