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A green nose. *How silly*, thought Punchinello. It wouldn't make him faster, stronger, or even smarter. It would only make him greener--and make him look just like all the other Wemmicks! Why would he want that when he knows Eli made each of them different for a reason?

But when Punchinello stops visiting Eli regularly, a painted nose somehow doesn't seem as foolish anymore. Now more than ever, Punchinello needs to hear his maker say, "I'll always help you be who I made you to be."

Just like Punchinello, we all want to fit in. To be accepted by the crowd. But at times that may mean we either have to look and act like others--or risk being rejected.

Punchinello's hard-earned lesson shows us how important it is to be who we were created to be, and why that matters. So let this wonderful tale help you remember two things: that you were made unique for a reason, and that there is one who will always help you be you--wonderfully you.

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Petya Kokudeva says

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Amy Balaich says

Picture book - similar message to You Are Special, but not as good.

Alireza Emami says

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Mikayla says

This might be a kids book, but its so true for adults to. I love kids books.

Spencer says

I admit it's rare when a contemporary children's book really touches me - and this one did exactly that. The book's timeless message has a particular relevance today - and sums up in a few pages what parents strive to teach their children over a lifetime about the seemingly ever-present conflict between who we really are and who society thinks we should be. This book is centered on self-image but the principles taught therein can be applied to every aspect of our lives.

This book easily broke into my top 5 children's books - something that hasn't happened in years. Read it - and read it to your kids.

Emma says

"Let's hear it for Willy Withit, the Wemmick who discovered the cure for the common nose!"

This book is so great! It teaches an important lesson about how we often try so hard to fit in and be like everyone else when that isn't what was intended for us. Whatever is "cool" at the time is constantly changing. It can be tiresome, discouraging, and sometimes very expensive if we always trying to be something we aren't. The current trend among the Wemmicks is to paint your nose green. Silly, right? But everyone wants

one so they can fit in and be better than others. However, God created us each to be individuals. We are different for a reason. This book also teaches that when we make mistakes, God is waiting to take us back and help us work towards who He intended us to be. It may take some work and time, but it will bring lasting happiness. Beautiful pictures and story. A great message to readers of all ages.

Karen says

Ellie read to mom for the Family Christian summer reading program..krb 6/13/16

Read to Patti in INR...krb 1/20/19

Mikaela Fu says

This book compares the two different groups of people and compares the effects that society has on people. This book students can relate to because they can see themselves in that situation.

Lexile Measure- AD530L
Guided Reading- P

Six Traits plus one-ideas, conventions and presentation

Mariah Schoenborn says

This is a high fantasy book about a wemmick named Punchinello. All the other wooden people in wemmickville want to change themselves to look like everyone else all the time. When the wemmicks start making fun of Punchinello for not joining in with the latest fads, he caves and begins trying to be like everyone else. This book is about helping children understand their value and uniqueness from a radically different perspective than the rest of the world. What could be a more important message for students today? Love this book!

Mike Westra says

Genre: fiction
unique feature: Parable that warns of the troubles of being trendy.
grade(s) 1-5

Katelyn Youngblood says

I remember reading many of Max Lucado's books when I was younger, so reading this one brought back some great memories! In his books, Max always has a lesson that is learned by the end. In this particular

story, we learn that, as humans, we are constantly striving to be something or someone else other than ourselves. With this mindset, we often take wrong paths that lead us down roads we didn't want to go down. The point of the story is to love yourself and when we do make mistakes, God, or the toymaker in this case, will always be there to help us find our way back. I love this! The lesson that is taught in this book is one that many Sunday School teachers could apply in church, and even come up with activities such as painting everyone's nose green to portray the overall message. Either way, this book is so good and has some of the most unique illustrations I've ever seen in a children's book before. They're just my favorite! I strongly recommend this book to anyone looking to teach great life lessons to children.

Hannah Belyea says

Punchinello is certain that every other Wemmick getting their nose painted green is the silliest thing he has ever seen...but, if everybody else is doing it, then how else can he fit in? Lucado gives readers a heartwarming and humorous tale full of gorgeous illustrations and lovable characters. A must read for young readers of all ages!

Sheyla says

Good story to show the kids how trends are always changing.

Cara Byrne says

Brought to my attention by a student who loved this picture book as a child, Pastor Lucado's subtly religious picture book seems like a Christian adaptation of Dr. Seuss's *The Sneetches*.

Stephanie Metzger says

I used this book in my classroom during class meetings to talk about how we should be true to ourself and not follow the "in" crowd as we grow up. It is a story about a Wemmick who resists the temptation to paint his nose green until someone he likes does it. Afterward, he finds that now that he has painted his nose green, the new fad is to paint it another color. This goes on and on until he realizes he no longer wants a painted nose. These stories Max Lucado writes really speak to children in a way they can relate to. Even my first graders took the concept and related it to things they were going through.
