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# Lauren's Kingdom



## Synopsis

A beautiful book with a crucial message for kids: if something doesn't feel right to you, speak up and don't be ashamed. Lauren's life changed the day the new babysitter came. With the help of her friend, Rodney, she finds the courage to use her voice and face her fears.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Amazingly well written book on this subject. I loved how it's not explicit in describing the inappropriate behavior but focuses more on how something makes a child feel, which I think is more to the point as these situations can be subtle at first. Great example of courage even when scared. The trusted grown-up buddy worksheet at the end is a great visual project to do with your kids.

We really appreciate the story contained within "Lauren's Kingdom". It's so important to be able to talk about scary things without making your children afraid of the world. Reading Lauren's Kingdom all curled up safe, sound and cozy allowed us to answer questions in a safe & secure way and teach the important lesson that it is okay to tell. The drawings are so sweet and appealing. Well done!! Thank you to Lauren for sharing her story and making it easier to protect children everywhere.

This book is beautifully written and provides children with an understanding of icky secrets. I disagree with the reviewers who stated that there should be a 'trigger warning.' As a therapist who has worked with child sexual abuse victims, prevention of abuse is key. Reading this story with your children can be a great way to comfortably discuss the topic. Talking to your kids about the realities of abuse may be difficult, but it is a necessary conversation.

I read this story to my kids last night (ages 5 and 3). Both kids sat and listened to the entire book (which is rare). While it's a sensitive subject to discuss with kids (abuse -- sexual or physical), it's so important to let them know it's always OK to tell. The approachable story allowed us to discuss this topic in a safe, non-threatening environment. My daughter's review was "It's beautiful! It's great!"

Lauren's Kingdom is written at the perfect reading level for the age that is being targeted and is a great asset in helping parents, or other caregivers, to talk about a difficult and sometimes awkward subject. Superbly done for young kids, and it even has a happy ending!

Hard to follow, NOT well written, the switch between fantasy and reality is too confusing. As a mom of three (6,3,1), I'm not impressed. My 6yo grabbed this off the shelf at our local public library. She thought this was going to be a great book, about a princess. Not only was she so confused, I was DUMBFOUNDED about the subject matter, as there is NO warning, preface, forward, or a "note to parents". This book needs to be previewed before you read this to your kid(s). It WILL bring up many many many questions. Is this as important subject, YES. Is this a good book to help introduce your child to inappropriate touching, and when you should tell your parents if you feel uncomfortable about ANYTHING, NO. Skip this one.

I can echo the words of another reviewer that there is no disclosure or warning for parents about the subject matter of this book. My daughter also chose it off the shelf at the local library. We started reading it and I was SHOCKED when it went down the path of abuse after several pages. I had to stop reading and decide if I was going to continue. I brought the book back to the library and they agreed that the children's section was NOT an appropriate place for this book and removed it from their shelves. The subject matter is SO important to discuss but I felt blindsided by this book. This is NOT a book I want my 6 year old taking off the shelf and reading on her own. I am upset that there was no warning to parents or any indication of its subject matter somewhere on the cover.

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