



Teacher Notes

Brave in Every Which Way

by Maddy Mara, illustrated by Lauren Degraaf

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- Bravery
- Feelings
- Kindness

About the Book

What does bravery mean? Can it always be seen?

I will give you a bit of a clue:

It's not jumping from planes or surfing fast trains.

A brave kid looks just like you do.

Being brave isn't always about doing big, dramatic things. It's small, everyday acts that show your bravery! Whether it's saying sorry, trying something new, or asking for help – there are many ways to be brave.

This is an uplifting reminder that you are braver than you think.

About the Author

Maddy Mara is the pen name of Melbourne-based creative duo Hilary Rogers and Meredith Badger. Hilary and Meredith have been collaborating on children's books for nearly two decades. Hilary is an author and former publishing director; Meredith is the author of countless books for kids and young adults, and teaches English as a foreign language. Maddy Mara is the melding of their respective daughters' names.

About the Illustrator

Born and raised in London, Ontario, taking inspiration from the nature that surrounds her home, Lauren uses light and shadow to capture different atmospheres, and aims to make the common look almost otherworldly. Lauren has a passion for children's books and she uses pencil, watercolour, and pencil crayon, and enjoys employing reductive drawing techniques to achieve a hazy and dreamlike look.

Before Reading

- Discuss the title of the book. Are there different ways to be brave? How many can you think of?
- What's the bravest thing you've ever done? What do you think a brave person looks like?