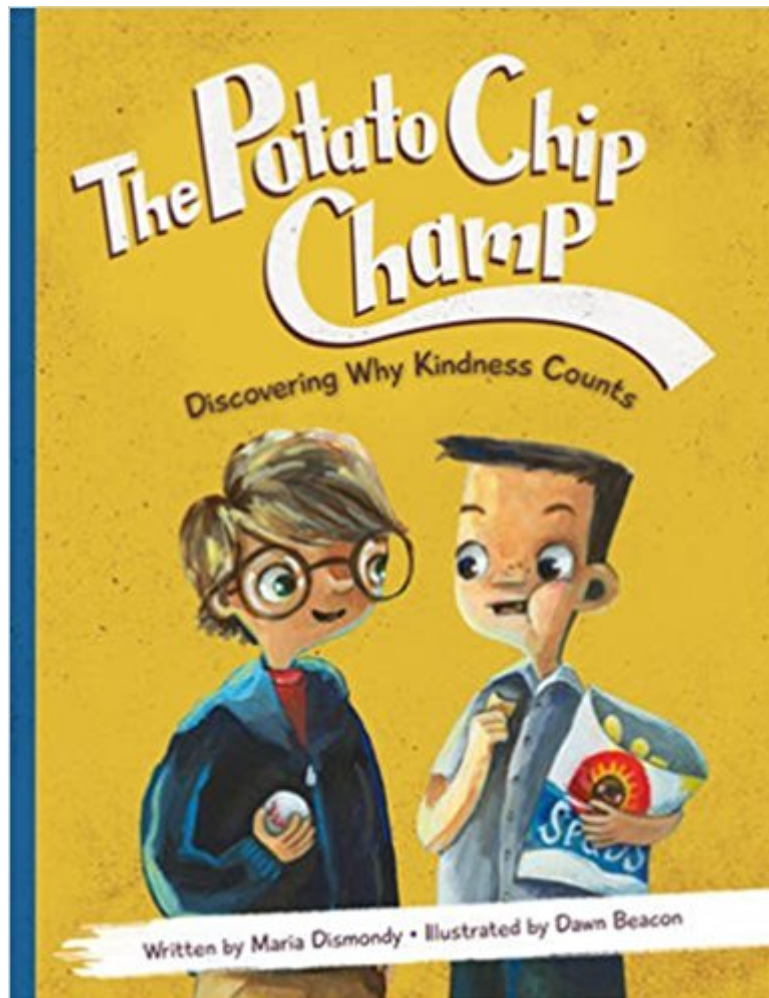




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# The Potato Chip Champ: Discovering Why Kindness Counts



## Synopsis

Champ and Walter Norbert Whipplemoore are about as different as two kids can be, well, except for their love of baseball and potato chips. Champ had everything, but always wanted more. Walter had very little, but was never seen without a smile on his face. In the end, it is Walter and some crunchy potato chips that teach Champ a lesson about character that can't be taught in school.

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## Customer Reviews

The Potato Chip Champ shows one young boy struggling to extend friendship and make empathetic choices. It isn't overly-preachy and presents a realistic portrayal of a child who is sometimes self-centered in his thinking and treatment of others. I look forward to using this book with my students as we discuss empathy and behaving kindly. I will be using this title with first graders, but I think older students would get even more out of reading and discussing it.

In a time where the "haves" and the "have nots" are glaringly apparent in my own classroom, The Potato Chip Champ is a great reminder of what's important on the inside is what counts the most. The Potato Chip Champ is a wonderful springboard to meaningful discussions about what's truly important and how character makes the biggest difference. (We use Bill Gates as an example of

what he has versus what he and his wife have given. What makes the biggest difference to the most people?) This is a book that is beloved by students and the teacher alike.

wonderful message

Great!

Book came in excellent condition and arrived promptly. Great story to use in the classroom. I will be recommending for all my friends.

Great book.

It's OK and does teach a lesson about being selfish but I've read better. It didn't grab my granddaughter's interest. It might for another child. Especially if it's a boy.

As Maria read *The Potato Chip Champ*, the students were active participants in this story. They were making inferences, connections, and asking questions. They really related to the characters in the story. Most of all, it was really wonderful to sit back and see the seven and eight year old children tackle the concept of empathy. This story really lends itself to 'putting yourself in other's shoes.' As a mother and a teacher, I often ask children, "How would you feel if..." This is a big question. *The Potato Chip Champ* opens up the young heart and pulls on those emotional strings. The children become cheerleaders for the main character and begin to get upset when he's not treated nicely by one boy. Without being prompted, they naturally shared how the 'bully' should have reacted. When he (the bully) does have a change of heart, the kids were proud for him. They forgave him for treating the main character in an unfair and unkind manner. I was amazed with listening how their conversations were taking off - especially the boys. What a wonderful story to build classroom culture!

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