

Commissioner's Book Club: The Rabbit Listened

Discussion guide

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Art can help make things better in society. It can do this in many ways. One way is by showing people what's unfair in the world. Art can also help people understand each other better. When we read a story about someone's life, we can imagine what it's like to be them. Art can also be a way for people to stand up for what's right and to feel like we all belong.

We hope that both adults and children will engage with these books, and that caregivers find these discussion questions useful in initiating conversations with the young people in their lives:

- ★ What happens to Taylor's tower at the beginning of the story? How does Taylor feel when that happens?
- ★ What do the different animals suggest Taylor should do? What does the rabbit do differently?
- ★ Have you ever felt like Taylor? What happened?
- What happens when you don't feel heard? What happens when you *do* feel heard?
- ★ What are some ways to show someone that you are really listening?
- ★ What would you do if a friend was feeling sad but didn't want to talk?
- ★ If you could add another animal to the story, what would it do? How would Taylor respond?