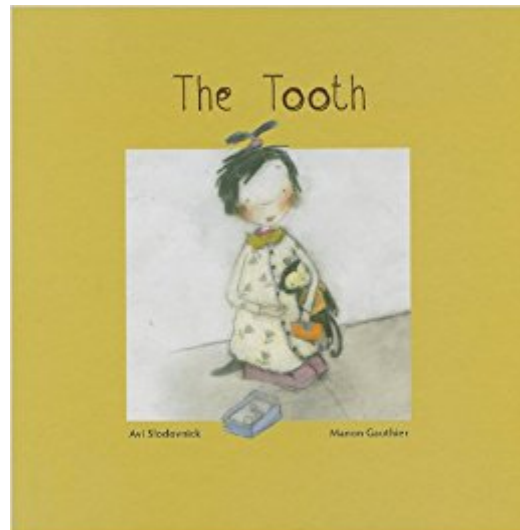




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The Tooth



Synopsis

An ordinary visit to the dentist turns into something extraordinary when Marissa and her mom walk through the tall gray buildings downtown and encounter someone special. Marissa's love of candy caught up with her. That morning, she woke up with a toothache and, instead of bringing her to school, her mother took her to the dentist. So starts Marissa's day. A day where she will discover the joys of giving and sharing.

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Customer Reviews

Marissa's tooth aches, so Mother takes her downtown to the dentist. Across the street, Marissa spies a homeless man, sitting on a grate collecting money in a shoe box. Later, Marissa observes the man again as people walk by, stepping over him, sometimes dropping coins in his box. Finally, after her extraction, Marissa pulls away from her mother to drop her tooth into the man's box, telling him to put it under his pillow that night. Slodovnick's quiet story, first published in Montreal as *La carie* (2009), emphasizes Marissa's naïveté and how different the city experience can be for haves and have-nots. Gauthier's mixed-media illustrations are well suited to the thoughtful text; the city is portrayed mostly in gray tones, with focal characters colored for emphasis. Although the text acknowledges that Marissa's gift

won't fix this problem (for starters, the man has no pillow), it's sure to spark discussion. Preschool-Grade 2. --Kay Weisman

Amazing read which children will connect with!

Marissa has learned the hard way that eating lots of candy entails tradeoffs: she enjoys the sweets, but now she has a toothache. While walking to the dentist's office with her mom through the city streets, Marissa observes a homeless man sitting on the sidewalk grate to keep warm, with an open shoe box in front of him containing a few coins. Most people pass the man without stopping, and one man in a hurry even steps over him. Marissa wants to help but does not know how. Aimed toward young readers, this picture book goes far beyond a simple "lost tooth" story to broach the difficult topic of homelessness. Teachers and parents can use the book to spark discussions about some of the reasons why people become homeless and why homelessness should not rob people of their identities.

A touching story that opens the door to important discussion about the homeless and compassion.

A girl goes to the dentist and needs a tooth pulled because she ate too many sweets. There's no lesson on proper dental care here. Instead, there's a nebulous lesson on "compassion" when the girl drops her tooth in a beggar's cup. As if homeless people are not exposed to enough germs! What if this happened in real life? It would be extremely insulting to a homeless person who knows that the tooth fairy only gives money to the rightful owner for his/her teeth. This story would have had more of a "lesson" if the girl took her actual tooth fairy money and put it in the beggar's cup.

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