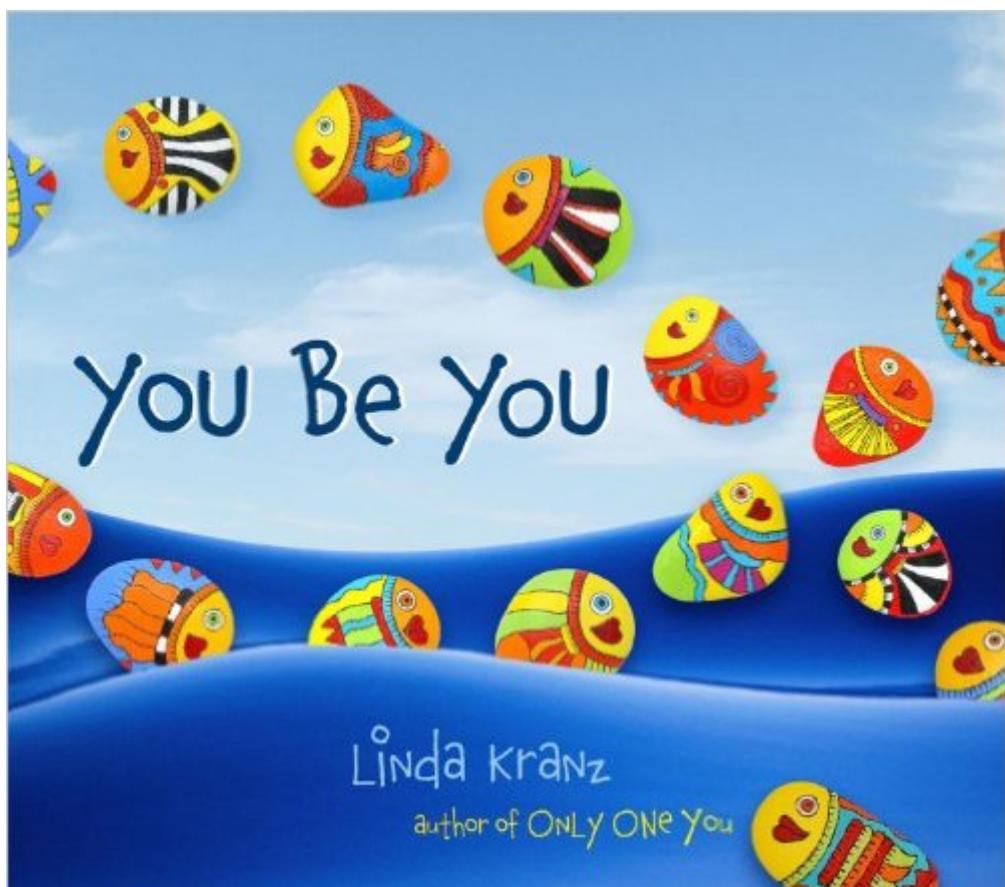


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# You Be You



## **Synopsis**

A companion book to the bestselling Only One You, Kranz once again uses her famous "rockfish" to express the themes of diversity, individuality, and acceptance to children. When Adri sets out to explore the ocean, he has no idea how colorful the world is. He quickly discovers that there are all kinds of fish in the deep blue seaâ "big and tiny, smooth and spiny, colorful and plain, different and the same. Join Adri as he travels the ever changing currents of the ocean and see if you can find your favorite rockfish among the waves!

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 and up

Grade Level: Preschool - 1

## **Customer Reviews**

I love picture books that work on a number of different levels. I just discovered this book today, unaware that it was a follow up to an earlier release. It's a simple little story about a small fish named Adri who notices the other fish swimming with him in the ocean. He sees that some fish swim in a circle, some fish swim in a line, some fish swim together and some fish swim alone. There are red fish and blue fish, quiet fish and loud fish, and smooth fish and spiny fish. The concluding pages detail little Adri's amazement that there are so many fish and they are all so different. His mama's wise words advising him that "Life is grand journey, Adri, you be you." are good words for any young fish or human to hear. These fish are really cute, bright and colorful. Kids will be fascinated by the many patterns. Not only does this book offer a life affirming lesson in a manner

that is straight forward and not heavy handed, it also serves as a great book on opposites! Each two page spread contrasts two words, such as same/different, big/tiny, High/Low, and left/right, giving parents an opportunity to not only introduce concepts of diversity, but also some important vocabulary distinctions. Readers are challenged to find little Adri on every page, giving practice in pattern discrimination, and for those curious youngsters eager to learn what all those words are on the endpapers, they will be treated to a myriad of self esteem building phrases such as "No one is just like you", or "find your bliss", and "accept others". All great discussion starters. This is an excellent choice for gift giving, and will make a perfect addition to any young preschooler's or toddler's collection. As for me, I will be using it for story time even though it's not all that large. I just haven't seen fish this cute since Lucy Cousin's Hooray for Fish. An enthusiastic recommend.

This book has such a positive message and I love how on the front and back inside covers there are different quotes to inspire. Being a teacher I used these quotes in my daily morning messages and also read this book right at the beginning of the year to help develop a sense of acceptance and comfort in my classroom. A great read by Linda Kranz!

This is a delightful follow-up to Only One You. Both books, written for young children, share wisdom about growing up, individuality and self-esteem. They are terrific for gently starting conversations concerning how we are different and how we can enjoy life. There are just a few words on each page, encouraging personal discussion. The illustrations are gorgeous. Linda Kranz paints small, smooth rocks in bright colors and patterns to look like fish. Then she photographs them on pictures of water. The result is stunning.

I highly recommend this positive, engaging, colorful book for home, school and church libraries. It's a real page turner, for sure! You will love the main character, Adri who is a rockfish and how he begins to observe others around him and grows in embracing all types of fish and their differences. The simple story line offers a powerful message of love, friendship, uniqueness and acceptance. I love how Adri's parents proclaim a benediction, if you will, over their son with such love and grace. My favorite line, "Life is a grand journey, Adri," Mama said. "You be you." A very nurturing and affirming book that is excellent for everyone's self esteem.

I love getting my kids new books that have nice, empowering message. This book is ok but I don't agree with the great reviews this book received. It's simple but in a boring way. My kids were not

taken with it. Plus the pictures are horrid! They could do such beautiful pictures of the fish Adri encounters. Instead they look strange and modern (not scary but just weird). I was disappointed and would not recommend the book. Sorry...

Lindy Kranz has an artistic style all her own and it radiates through the pages of this thoughtful and insightful message about being the best "you" you can be!

I'm not in love with this book. It is colorful and the pictures are cute, but the writing is not great. Most pages are very simple with a few words talking about opposites, but two pages have three full paragraphs on them. It makes the book not flow well and is very hard to read to a child who is the appropriate age for board books. I also do not like how some of the pages specifically rhyme and some do not. It doesn't seem like an accident either. It's not simple words like "you" and "too" it's things like "spiny" and "tiny." It is just a VERY difficult book to read out loud and it annoys me every time I do.

I just loved this book. It is so upbeat and positive and just plain wonderful. I love the message that kids can be unique and that is great. This is a fantastic book to read to your kids over and over.

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