

*Saturday at the Food Pantry* by Diane O'Neill

This is such a sweet and thoughtful picture book, bringing a light to the very real food insecurity that a lot of families face. Molly and her mom need to visit the food pantry to get groceries, which is a first for Molly. Her mom just lost her job, and is a little bit embarrassed about needing the help of the food pantry. While waiting in line, Molly sees her classmate Caitlin with her grandmother. Caitlin is also embarrassed, but joins Molly in working on drawings for all of the other folks waiting in line with them. The repeated sentiment that "everybody needs help sometimes" is very effective.

The art is lovely, with a bright and fun color palette. It's so nice seeing a very diverse cast of characters in a picture book like this. I would highly recommend this to anyone, young or old.

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