

***The Color Collector* by Nicholas Solis, illustrated by Renia Metallinou**

In this captivating picture book, an unnamed child strikes up a friendship with the new girl named Violet. Violet likes to pick up colorful things when she walks home from school, which the other child notices since they walk home the same way every day. When Violet shows off what she has done with her collection, it is an incredible work of art in a riot of color.

This is such a wonderful book about kindness and friendship. It shows how important it is to take that first step to get to know someone new. The words of the story are sparse, but deliberate. And I absolutely loved how the book started out in shades of grey and then slowly added more and more color as the children started to become friends.

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