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Lili is the quietest kid in class. She spends recess inside with Lois, the class's pet guinea pig, and allows Cassidy do her talking for her, even if it means never getting to have the best parts in games. Sometimes it's just easier letting Cassidy be in charge, but will Lili have the courage to speak up when it means keeping Lois from getting hurt? This warm, humorous story will speak to any child learning to find his or her own voice?and children used to being the boss might see themselves reflected in Cassidy's over-the-top antics, as well.

## **Louder, Lili Details**

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## **From Reader Review Louder, Lili for online ebook**

### **Erin says**

This book was one of my favorites. This book teaches children about friendship and speaking up when something isn't the right thing to do. This book also reminds me of my younger sister when she was little. She was so shy, until she found her place and voice, like Lili.

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### **Kris says**

Lili is quiet and shy, largely goes unnoticed, and is taken advantage of. But she learns to speak up when it matters.

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### **Jill says**

My five-year-old and four-year-old love this book. At night one of them takes it to their room to "read" and after they finish, they hand it to the other one for their turn to "read". I read it to them because they love it and it has a good message: speak up for what really moves you and don't let other people decide who your friends are.

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### **Dolly says**

Lili doesn't like to speak up and she doesn't have any friends in her class. But then she gets stuck with a bully who takes credit for Lili's work, eats Lili's food and is mean to the class pet. Finally, Lili speaks up for herself (and for the poor guinea pig) and makes a friend. It's a nice tale that is good, especially for young girls in elementary school who may be reticent to stand out in the crowd and make their voice be heard.

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### **Kathy says**

If you have a child who doesn't speak up for themselves this might be a good book. Not one I would buy but a book to read once when checked out of the library.

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### **Amy says**

The title and the cover illustration made me choose this book. A softspoken girl, Lili's wishes often get ignored, as her teacher tells her, "Louder, Lili!" However, one day when the class substitute teacher spends too much time on her cell phone in the bathroom, Lili finds her voice when she defends the class pet---and

makes a friend in the process! Definitely a good read!

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### **JESSICA says**

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It's not often that I'd recommend a book where kids are encouraged to speak louder, but the truth is, sometimes our chatty, noisy, bubbly kids, head to school and go quiet. Like, submarine in hostile waters quiet. When my daughter started kindergarten last year, she was so afraid to speak up that she couldn't give her teacher the box of tissues she was supposed to bring from home. In an effort to foster independence and to respect privacy, the teacher didn't check my daughter's bag, thus not relieving her of the terrible duty to hand in the tissues. It took a full two weeks, before she got the courage to hand over those tissues, and even then, my daughter did it without speaking, and was so upset by the process that she burst into tears when she told me about it.

That's why I love Louder, Lili. Much like my daughter, Lili finds she can't speak up. That she's too shy to raise her hand, or volunteer to take care of the class guinea pig, a job she really wants. When bossy classmate, Cassidy, senses Lili's inability to speak up, she exploits it, volunteering to partner with Lili in an effort to hand off the hard work and take all the praise. Lili must decide if she can find her voice and speak her mind.

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### **Salsabarian says**

Lili is quiet and shy in class, uncomfortable when it's time to choose partners and much preferring to read a book indoors during recess next to the class guinea pig. Her voice is so soft, "you couldn't hear it even if you wanted to." One day an aggressive classmate named Cassidy chooses Lili as a partner and pretty much takes advantage of her for several days. Lili is unable to speak up until Cassidy begins to mess with the guinea pig. Then she finds the courage and accumulated outrage to tell Cassidy to "STOP IT!"

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### **Shanshad Whelan says**

While I appreciate the message of speaking up when it is necessary and the struggle of a shy girl to do so, I really don't like how it's presented. Lili gets completely taken advantage of by another girl, yet no one else notices--not even the teacher. And then the substitute teacher not only engages in gross neglect by talking on her cell phone and going to the bathroom (what teacher anywhere would leave a class of little kids totally unobserved?!?) is downright criminal. Cassidy--the bully who takes advantage of Lili decides to take out the pet guinea pig and then to cut its hair and then wants to put glue in its water. True, Lili speaks up and puts a stop to it, but what kind of behavior is that? I often give picture books a lot of leeway for unrealistic situations, but when a book is presented as "real life" like this is, I found myself thinking Cassidy should be in therapy. Mostly what bothered me is the implication of no teacher in the classroom like that. It's an okay book otherwise, and I appreciate the attempt to empathize with the plight of the shy child, but I would have preferred a more realistic situation.

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### **Iroquois says**

I loved this book! I was totally shy as a kid and it took a looooong time for me to learn to speak louder. I think it would be a great book to read/share with any shy little girl, that's learning how to navigate their first years at school.

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### **Meredith Bush says**

I thought this was a cute book about the importance for sticking up for oneself. In the book, Lili is a shy girl who never speaks up for what she wants. A girl Cassidy bosses her around a lot and makes her do things she doesn't want to. One day Lili has had enough and forcefully tells Cassidy 'No'. She finally sticks up for herself (and the class pet). I think this could be a great book for students, especially quieter ones, to understand the importance of their voice and feelings. It can be used to help students understand the importance of speaking up for his or herself.

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### **Tiffany says**

A WONDERFUL book for shy kids.

Lili is extremely quiet and shy. So quiet and shy, in fact, that people usually don't even realize she's there! But then a bully-type makes "friends" with her in class, and takes advantage of Lili. Finally, Lili just can't take it anymore and stands up for herself (and gets some respect, too!).

Seriously, this is a great book for shy kids. I read it with two very quiet and shy girls (one can't even look you in the eye) and they LOVED it, and totally saw themselves in Lili. Lili's a new hero for the timid crowd.

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### **Mamta Valderrama says**

One of my daughter's favorites! She asks me to put her hair in ponytails just like Cassidy and Rita B. This sweet children's story teaches an important lesson about finding your voice, and sticking up for what you believe in. I love the subtle message that you don't have to have the loudest voice in the room to be heard, and sometimes the person with the loudest voice is the one others stop listening to. Highly recommend for children, especially those that struggle to raise their hand, speak up, or feel awkward in social settings. My favorite thing about this book is that the lesson is subtle, it is NOT over the top, bonk you on the head right or wrong, do or die.

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### **Charlee Jackson says**

I thought this book was great. I liked when Cassidy almost poured glue into the guinea pig's water bottle but

Lili said, "STOP!" and everybody around her, stopped. I also liked when the sub talked on her cell phone all the time.

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### **Paige says**

This book takes a heroic stand against guinea pig abuse...okay, not so much.

but, cute

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