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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Starred Review. Grade 1-3—Six-year-old Lily longs to be best friends with seven-year-old Tamika. For weeks she pines over the friendship that she believes they would share if not for Lily's babyish bathing suit or Tamika's distracting friend Shanice. In the end the youngster gives up on wanting a buddy who doesn't want her and finds someone even better with whom to share her summer. Rodman's honest text captures the girl's heartbroken disappointment and makes it real for young readers, and Lewis's shining, sun-drenched illustrations convey both the harshness and warmth of the bright days at the pool. This simple but powerful picture book speaks to the yearning outsider in every child. Consider it a first purchase for friendship-themed storytimes, bibliotherapy, and for its gorgeous, almost palpably liquid art.—*Catherine Threadgill, Charleston County Public Library, SC*

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PreS-Gr.2. In this elemental friendship story, Lily, six, wants to be best friends with Tamika, seven, and tries everything to get the older girl's attention. But one year makes a big difference, and Tamika and *her* best friend are mean to Lily. They call her "baby," but mostly they just ignore her. Even when Daddy teaches Lily to dive, they don't seem to care. In the end, Lily gives up, and she reluctantly accepts Keesha, also six, as a best friend. This is more situation than story, but the setting makes things special. The action takes place during the weekly playgroup at the neighborhood pool, and Lewis' beautiful, realistic double-page watercolors convey everything--the longing, the meanness, and the fun--through the body language and the splashing action of little African American girls in sunlit water and at the poolside. *Hazel Rochman*
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This simple but powerful picture book speaks to . . . every child. (School Library Journal)

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