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2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

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Last summer, we read *Hour of the Bees* and then celebrated that experience together in September with an activity-filled day.

Even though this school year has been nothing close to traditional, we would still like to continue with our tradition of a shared summer read.

The choice for the 2020-2021 read is...

IT WASN'T ME

by
Dana Alison Levy



"Every reader will find some piece of themselves in Levy's sharp, humorous, and heartfelt novel." —JOHN DAVID ANDERSON, critically acclaimed author of *Ms. Bixby's Last Day* and *Posted*

I know who I'm dealing with.

These are the same people I've

been dealing with in school since

kindergarten. The Nerd, the

Princess, the Jock, the Weirdo, and

the Screw-Up. They all have their

place in the food chain, just like I do.

And honestly? Nothing that

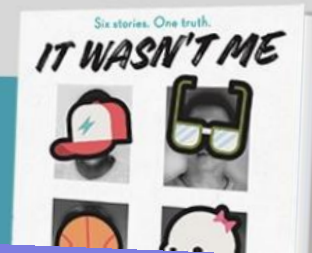
happens in this classroom is going

to make a difference.

By 7th and 8th grade, I'm guessing that many [students] feel like they know "everything" about one another. And educators also fall into the trap of relying on perceptions about a particular class, rather than seeing them with a fresh lens.

My hope is that this novel will start conversations about stereotypes, labels, judgment, and an awareness that every one of us has something that we are dealing with, even if it is not readily apparent on the outside.

Thank you for writing such a thoughtful, insightful, and just when the reader needed it to be, funny, middle grade novel.



ENJOY THE BOOK!

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