



## Praise for Too Tall Alice

“All in all, a must read for all children, big and small... This book will show any child dealing with what they might feel is not the norm in their life that they are exactly how they should be. It focuses on the positive of a person, the many opportunities that are before them and how they can turn what they feel is not quite ‘the norm’ into opportunity...be all they want to be. Powerful illustrations, bold and colorful, great story, with a purpose.”

*Shirley Priscilla Johnson “Author/Reviewer”*

“Barbara Worton is an accomplished story teller and here she plies her trade well. My take is that Worton has a winner of a story here. It teaches children to accept themselves without being too preachy about it. It’s a very child-friendly story that will speak to children with a variety differences that make them stand out.”

*Benjamin Potter, “Loom & Wheel”*

“I was smitten with *Too Tall Alice*. It’s whimsical, gleeful and fancifully illustrated, yet, it is irresistibly real. It is an inspiration for all young minds.”

*Gay Morris Empson, Fashion Editor, Child Magazine and Working Mother Magazine*

“This book definitely belongs in any 4th grade and up classroom! It will indeed show the girls in the class the message that Worton dedicates to "all the too tall, too small, too skinny, too fat, too smart, too silly girls who deserve to see, really see, and love themselves" - that true beauty comes from within. I also think that this could be a good self-esteem builder even for a teenager who is struggling to define herself and fit in - I think I would have benefited from this book as a teenager!” *Katie’s Literature Lounge*

“This book is geared toward the 7-11 age group—that group that is trying to gain their self-esteem. Kids will learn it’s okay to be different from Alice’s story. The pictures are very whimsical. You just got to love it. I love the knees on Alice. She’s the next basketball star; I just know she is.” *4 the LOVE of BOOKS*

“Oh, how well I remember Alice’s dilemma. I was 10 and the tallest in my class at 5’4”. I was miserable and wore a size 10 shoe too! Children will love Alice and appreciate the solution—and will definitely know what she is going through.” *Roz Pelcyger, Director, Glen Rock Public Library, winner 2006 New York Times Librarian Award*

“I absolutely love this book! *Too Tall Alice* takes the idea that being different than all of your friends is okay; you don’t have to look like everyone else to be happy or successful. It’s something that has needed to be said to children for years and finally an author has

done so in a very entertaining way...perfect for 7 to 10 year olds. I'd highly recommend this for any parent with a young child and for any elementary school teacher. It's a warm story with a huge message that is important for all to hear." *Susie Morris "Book Junkie"*

"*Too Tall Alice* is delightfully entertaining with a message that young children will understand and appreciate. It is a refreshing portrayal of one's uniqueness that allows children to be proud of their own distinctive characteristics. An appreciation of one's self can result in an acceptance of the individuality of others, which is the heart of the story. *Too Tall Alice* is filled with whimsical and colorful illustrations that are engaging to the young reader and give insight as to what Alice is feeling. Destined to become a favorite among the young as well as the not so young." *Linda Balaban, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Valley Stream*

"I found Alice to be a loveable girl. *Too Tall Alice* teaches children that no matter what people may say or think, being different can be a good thing. I would read this book to any child. I've never read any of author Barbara Worton's other children's books, but after reading this one, I would gladly check out her other books."

*Cheryl-Reviewer, <http://cherylsbooknook.blogspot.com>*

"I loved this little story and thought it was absolutely adorable. Little Alice is not the only child encountering self-esteem issues, but Barbara Worton weaves a lovely little tale with a charming resolution and an all's well that ends well theme. Alice has a 'problem' that all children and adults can relate to. Dom Rodi's illustrations are very quaint and I enjoyed the very busy pages. I think this book would be a great read and discuss book for classroom or home school use." *Deb Fowler, Roundtable Reviews*

"If you buy just one book this year, make sure it's *Too Tall Alice*! It's message contains nothing but hope for any child who ever despaired of being just like everyone else, yet it illustrates beautifully that you should be proud of who you are and what you look like, and that when it comes to your dreams the sky really is the limit."

*Stephanie Sanders, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Debary, Florida*

"This is a cute book about an 8-year-old who is four inches taller than every other girl in her class. The final message is clear; our physical differences make us who we are individuals and shouldn't hold us back from accomplishing whatever we want to do. This is a nice message, especially for girls, who tend to be self-conscious about how they look. My daughters liked this book, though I suspect it will resonate even more when they get older. The drawings are cute, and there are some clever references throughout."

*Everyday I Write the Book Blog*

"Barbara Worton with the excellent collaboration by illustrator Dom Rodi presents a book that is not only a pleasure to read and enjoy the artwork, but it is also a fine adjunct for parents and teachers (and all of us) in aiding children (and adults) who are 'different'. This well-written story plays well, reads well, and is a visual as well as a philosophical delight. This book should fill a void for parents, teachers and friend fortunate enough to know a 'special person' like Alice! *Grady Harp*

“Barbara Worton has written an excellent book with big, colorful, cutting-edge illustration. The pictures are so bright and exciting that any elementary school teacher would love to have this book available in their classroom for story time. It’s not a short read. *Too Tall Alice* is a great book. Boys and girls will enjoy this book and parents will be pleased with this book. The theme is great and the illustrations are awesome.”

*Dorrie Wheeler*

“I must admit that when I was first asked to review this book I was skeptical about the subject matter...I’m tall...but I like *Too Tall Alice*. Dom Rodi’s illustrations enhance the story...really bring the story to life. I really like the scrapbook concept this book has going for it. I really enjoyed this book and think I’ll pass it on to my 8-year-old niece who is slightly taller than many girls in her class.” *That’s the Book!*

“Being different is often an asset when one reaches adulthood. But for a child, being different is often the greatest possible liability on their personal balance sheet, and *Too Tall Alice* helps to show kids how being different isn’t such a terrible thing after all. The message is pretty clear, and it’s the type of book many will relate to either directly or indirectly, and not necessarily due to the fact of being very tall. The illustrations in this book are interesting and very different from other children’s books. The uniqueness of the illustrations in many ways fits right in with the theme of the book—about being out of the ordinary.” *Bryan Carey*

“OK, I admit I almost gave the book 4 stars, but then changed my mind and gave it 5 stars. The whole point of the book is to tell the story of what many would call the ugly duckling. Yes, the text is wild and even eccentric, but that is what my grandchildren who are bright and wonderful appreciated about the book.” *MotherLodeBeth*

“*Too Tall Alice* sends a great message to kids, and they do not have to be tall to understand it. I would definitely recommend reading this to children to help them have better self-esteem. I also really loved the illustrations. My favorite were on the first few pages when Alice as feeling badly because she had to stand in the back row with the boys for school photos. I wish there had been a book back then like this one for me to read!”

*Sharon A. Somers “sharonluvscats*

“I connected with this book... This beautifully illustrated book will speak to the tall girls, along with the child who is short, and all of the others who are different. We need to learn to accept ourselves and celebrate our unique qualities--just like Alice does. The fanciful story is uplifting, and the illustrations are the best I've seen. I can see classroom teachers using this book to teach a lesson on self-esteem and acceptance of others. It's a good one!” *Smiling Sally, bookcritiques.blogspot.com*

“After reading *Too Tall Alice* to my class of 8 and 9 year old children the only voices I heard were those of delight and pleas for me to read it again. Each page took us on a miniature journey of fantasy as we looked in detail at the incredible illustrations. Each sentence promoted discussion of feelings and consequences. Each turning of the page

sent questions buzzing around the room as we anticipated what would happen to our heroine Alice. I noticed that lots of children were identifying with the character of Alice, and I wonder how many of them have gone through or will experience similar dilemmas in their life. Huge congratulations to the creators of this children's book. It deals with everyday issues sensitively and with the golden ethos that everyone has something to be proud of. We hope that there will be more Alice adventures coming soon."

*Claire Walker, Teacher, Market Harborough, U.K.*

"I'm a 9-year-old girl and I LOVE this book! I recommend it to anyone who thinks they are 'too' anything!" *Hayley Sanz, Florida*

"What a great book for talking to kids, especially girls, about self esteem! This is a message that all kids can benefit hearing. The message is: It's not easy being different, it's okay though. Just be yourself and believe in yourself. Wow, right? I love it! I also love, for example: "Upstairs in her room, in her super-fluffy bed, Alice tried to lay down on the pillow and arrange her arms like a princess, sure that Prince Charming would come and find her and give her a kiss." Sentences like this are throughout the book. The author also changes the size of words to create emphasis. As a teacher, that is something I like to point out to my students when I'm teaching them writing techniques. It is great to find examples by authors to show them. This is the first children's book for illustrator Dom Rodi, and I think he did very well. I especially enjoyed the way he depicts Alice's room like she is underwater in here Ariel bed. It is very "Little Mermaid" like and little girls will love it! I will be recommending this one to other teachers and my school counselor because I think it is a story with a message that young children need to hear."

*Shelly@www.writeforareader.blogspot.com*

"*Too Tall Alice* is a wonderful book to help kids learn to like themselves for who they are. Told with bold illustrations and crazy background drawings, Alice struggles with being the standout girl in her class. As Alice comes to realize she's okay just as she is, she awakens to a new, beautiful day. What a wonderful ending to the story!"

*www.teensreadtoo.com*

"I love the message in the story. Alice learns to accept herself for who she is and that she is special. She learns that being "too \_" isn't so bad, after all. It's a great message for all girls, not just the too short, too tall, too \_\_ones. The story is definitely designed to raise girls' self-esteem." *Carol's Notebook*

"I absolutely, positively adore *Too Tall Alice*. Dom Rodi's illustrations are marvellous. The self esteem message of the book is told in a wonderfully fun way. Even the way the words on the pages are laid out is fun. Barbara Worton is an excellent story teller! This wonderfully unique book would be an excellent addition to ANY child's library! LOVE IT!!" *Tara's Views on Books*

"*Too Tall Alice* by Barbara Worton is a cute little kids' book with a wonderful message. I first read the book to my four (and a half) year old son, and this book did give us the opportunity to discuss kids who feel left out for any reason. I loved that we could talk about feelings, and I also enjoyed talking about the message that 'you can be anything you want to be.' My son also liked the cover page and illustrations by Dom Rodi. The

pages were filled with colorful pictures and had a lot going on. I liked that the type looked almost hand-written and that certain words were emphasized with a larger, bold-faced font. Even though my daughter is past the recommended age range for this book, I asked her to read it. The message is one that we are constantly trying to get across to her, especially as she begins to feel more self-conscious. She loved the story! Here are Booking Daughter's comments: 'When Alice is afraid of being too tall, she visits a land of girls who are also tall. She learns what's important in life...not being tall. What's inside of you and how nice you are is what really matters.' I think this book has a wonderful message that our young children don't hear enough!" *Booking Mama*

"*Too Tall Alice*, meanwhile, has a stronger message about appearance and self-esteem. This one would be a great introduction of those themes for girls who are about to hit the critical pre-teen years. Adults might learn a few lessons, too. The designs in *Alice*, on the other hand, feel a bit more eclectic and slightly chaotic, which fits nicely with the sequence of events in the book. I could see children between ages 8 and 11 being the best audience. So, if you have kids or if you just need a break from some heavier reading, I highly recommend *Too Tall Alice*."

*Tiffany Norris, Considering All Things Literary*

"We're always excited to find new childrens books at my house. And to find a book that celebrates the things that make each of us unique is a boon. Boosting a child's self-esteem can be tough at times as they learn to navigate the pitfalls of peer pressure and finding their own identities. *Too Tall Alice* is a great story with a lesson that all kids need to learn... we're all unique and we all have to find our own way in the world, regardless of whether we're tall, short, have big ears or a big nose, wear glasses, or simply see the world in a different way than everyone else. Even adults sometimes need to be reminded of this lesson sometimes. As we read this book with my two daughters, I have to relate a very cute story about my youngest. She is infatuated with Ariel, the mermaid from Disney's *The Little Mermaid*. And when we came to find out that Alice had a "super-fluffy Ariel the mermaid bed," she got very excited and was immediately riveted for the rest of the story. Be sure to check out *Too Tall Alice*!" *Fitz,*

*blogcritics.org*

