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This picturebook is an exuberant and delightful celebration of being brown.

Through role play scenarios, young readers see that brown people can be presidents, astronauts or writers, they might be skilled crime solvers or rocket ship designers. The range of experience of brown people is explored, they may come from all over the world, speaking a wide range of languages. They may differ in appearance, live in different homes, wear different clothes, enjoy different hobbies and eat different food. They may be your friend, your boss, your teacher or your classmate. They may offer you love, friendship and happiness.

The simple repetitive text would be great for repeated readings. The detailed artwork may spark conversations, about different foods for example. Don't miss the end papers which are particularly lovely and lively, depicting an apartment block full of happy young brown faces. The warmth of the beautiful illustrations enhances the affirming, insightful message, whatever the colour of a young reader's skin.

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