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When Thomas finds a talking turtle in his yard, he's amazed and surprised—especially when the turtle insists, “I'm not a turtle. I'm a tiger!” After a visit to the zoo and a fun chase, the turtle—or is it a tiger?—discovers an important truth and makes a fast friend.

Storyteller Jonathan Gould crafts a humorous and heartwarming tale about friendship, acceptance and self-esteem, colorfully illustrated by John Cardinal.

## **Thomas and the Tiger-Turtle Details**

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### Heather says

Thomas finds a turtle in his backyard that has tiger stripes on its shell so, naturally, the turtle thinks it's a tiger! Thomas takes the turtle to the zoo to try to make it understand what a real tiger looks like but the turtle wasn't backing down. Thomas came up with a way that was sure to work but ended up making the turtle sad instead. It's only then that he realized the turtle is a friend and tells it how special it is. With a bit of humor and a lesson in friendship, this children's book is sure to capture your children's hearts. The illustrations are incredible and the author did a fantastic job with this story.

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### Cathy Speight says

One of the first things that goes through my mind when I start a book is, I wonder how much I'm going to enjoy it or I hope I'm going to enjoy it.

That never happens with Jonathan Gould's books. I don't have to wonder or hope, because I know there will be no doubt that I will.

This book differs from those I've read by this author in that it's an illustrated story. It's an absolutely delightful tale about a turtle who is convinced he's a tiger. It falls upon the very patient Thomas, who finds him in his back yard, to prove to the very insistent turtle he just isn't. It's a bit of a rocky road to the truth for the turtle, but clever young Thomas ensures a happy outcome for his new friend.

As always, Jonathan injects humour, charm, magic and oodles of appeal into a story.

Because of the colourful and engaging illustrations, this is probably better suited to a tablet or computer rather than a black-and-white ereader. I wasn't sure whether or not my two-and-a-half-year-old grandson is probably just a tad too young for the story. However, at the end, he said, quite simply, 'More'. (Which were my sentiments exactly.) Proof, if it were needed, that it's a story that will appeal to children (and adults!) of all ages.

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### Kathy says

This is a wonderful book for children of all ages. It will show kids that everyone is special I highly recommend this book

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### Nai says

I love children's books almost more than any other genre. And no, I don't have kids. I have a very special niece though. This book struck a nerve. It's a great example of a book with a moral, and in this case the

message is loud and clear.

Even if you don't mean it, words can hurt. Words are powerful, and kids especially learn really quickly just how to use them. I love that the story ends with a happy ending, and its a quick read. Personally, I think children's books are much harder to write than longer stories. They have to have a much quicker pace so you can actually manage to read them to a child and not have them become distracted and disinterested.

Coupled with great illustrations this book makes for a wonderful read.

"Yesterday, when I thought I was a Tiger, I felt so special."

"Now that I know I'm really just a turtle, I don't feel special at all. I just feel stupid and scaly and boring."

I've thought this pretty much my entire life. I was the thing that didn't fit. The odd one, the one no one understood or wanted to play with.

"The best part is there's only one Tiger-Turtle in the whole world." The way Thomas 'makes-up' to the Tiger-Turtle is really endearing. These are things my parents and close friends have always told me.

The bigger question though . . . how do we convince ourselves?

I received a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for an honest review from Evolved Publishing.

As with all of Evolved Publishing's titles, it is superbly edited, and formatted well. I keep saying this, and I hope people are catching on. For a small publishing house that functions much like the Canadian Cooperative model it's amazing, and the talent they draw is increasing. They release titles multiple times a year, and while I'm very picky about who I write reviews for and who I accept books from, I have never once had a bad experience with anyone from Evolved.

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## **Andrew says**

don't think anyone will be surprised to learn that I am not the target audience for a children's book. OR, maybe I am – I have 2 grandchildren of elementary school age, and I DO have more money than they do. (Not MUCH more, sadly, but I regress ...)

SO – when reading a children's book, I start with the most basic question: Will one or both enjoy it? If THEY won't enjoy it, I need not go any further. Then, I wonder if the vocabulary is age-appropriate, and if there is a positive message behind the story (or at least not a negative one).

I am happy to say that “Thomas and the Tiger Turtle” passes all of those criteria. Our main characters – our only characters, in fact – are (obviously) a young lad named Thomas, and a Turtle who seems to believe that he is a tiger. Arguments to the contrary – size, behavior, diet, behavior – do not seem to sway him from this belief.

I will not delve into the messages beneath the surface of this story, as it would be impossible to do so with providing spoilers. However, it DOES have messages and can be used as a teaching tool. The formatting lends itself to reading by (or to) a young person, with a couple of sentences on one page and an associated illustration on the other.

I think the grandkids will like this one.

RATING: 4 1/2 stars, rounded up to 5 stars since most sites don't accept partial stars.

DISCLOSURE: I was provided with an electronic copy of this book by the publisher without cost, in return for a promise of an honest (I don't know how to do them any other way) review and prompt (THIS was a challenge) review.

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### **Tracy says**

Thomas is a little boy who finds a turtle that thinks it is a tiger. The two become fast friends but Thomas is determined to make the turtle believe it is a turtle. In the end Thomas realizes that what is important is what makes us happy and feel special no matter what. It is a lovable tale of friendship and young children will love and relate to the story. The art is beautiful as well.

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