

# LORGNETTE

Quarterly Review of Children's and Young Adults' Books

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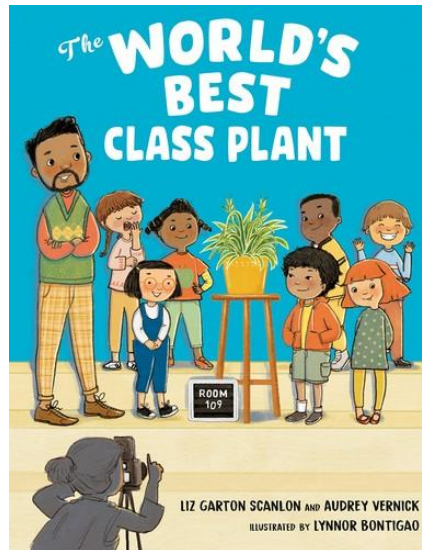
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## Classification

Fiction

## Grade Level

PreK-2



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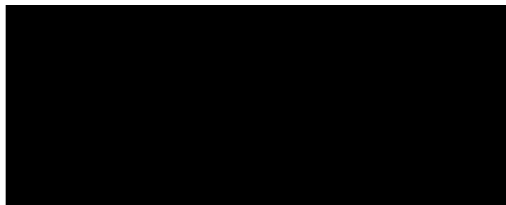
Did you have a class pet when you were in school? Did you have the pleasure of taking it home, cleaning out the cage, or engaging with it? What if you had had a class plant instead? Would that have been as exciting? Arlo wishes they had anything but a plant until one day he asks if they can name it. Once Jerry becomes an accepted part of the classroom, the attitude towards a class plant changes for the better. Jerry begins to grow and have babies (spiderettes), and other classes begin asking to trade their pets for Jerry. The school even creates a Jerry Appreciation Day so everyone can show appreciation for this class plant and celebrate all they have learned about plants. Each child receives a part of Jerry to take home when the school year ends. Next year, the teacher offers up a rock for the students. What will happen now?

Expressive illustrations follow along with the story and add much to what is happening. When Jerry is named and placed back in the window, you see the sun sparkling more and shining brightly around Jerry. The facing page has students creating a job chart for taking care of Jerry. Each page provides a different rendition and balance of illustration and text. The back of the book includes a section on different plants and how to grow them with some



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