

## ***Brown Is Beautiful: A Poem of Self-Love***

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### **Book Summary**

Brown Is Beautiful is a book that reminds us of self-love and how to live what is inside of you. A young girl takes a hike with her grandparents. Along the way, they note all the beautiful things in nature that are brown, just like the young girl. As they walk, the girl collects beautiful brown things to add to a scrapbook which she shares with your new family member, a baby brother.

### **Read Aloud Questions**

- Why do you think that the family is going on a walk?
- What kind of things do you think ants carry?
- If you were a bear where would you live?
- Where do you think the bird is going?
- What do you think is at the end of the trail?

### **Book Activity**

Materials: glue sticks, brown construction paper, and magazines with nature pictures

### **Directions**

1. After reading aloud the book, ***Brown Is Beautiful: A Poem of Self-Love***, ask the students to name some things in nature they think are brown and beautiful?
2. Handout brown construction paper and guide the students in creating a foldable standing cube (p. 21) of [Dinah Zike's Foldables](#).
3. After creating the standing cube label one side of the cube, Brown in Beautiful. On the remaining sides of the cube, ask the students to look through the nature magazines and cut out pictures of beautiful brown things in nature. Glue the pictures on the cube to create a "collection of mementos."
4. Once the students have completed the cube, they will share their cubes and share the beautiful brown things on their cube. The students should be encouraged to share their cubes with their family, as well.
5. Alternative: Depending on the weather and season, the class could go on a nature walk and collect actual items from nature to glue on the standing cube.



## Additional Resources

- [Brown is Beautiful Book Activities and Resources](#)
- [Kids World Travel Guide - India](#)
- [132 Things that are Brown in Nature \(images\)](#)
- [Learn the Color Brown \(video\)](#)
- [Best Brown Color Days](#)

## Meet the Author



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