

Those Shoes

By Maribeth Boelts

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Review

"A poignant, thought-provoking book." -- ----- *School Library Journal* 12/01/2007

"Whether children are on the shoe-owning or the shoe-envying side of the economic line, they can sympathize with Jeremy and rejoice in the way he eventually resolves his problem with his too-small shoes." -- ----- *Horn Book, The* 11/01/2007

Blue Ribbon Award, 2007 -- *The Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books,*

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"Boelts blends themes of teasing, embarrassment and disappointment with kindness and generosity in a realistic interracial school scenario." -- *Kirkus Reviews* 09/15/2007

"Jones' autumn-toned illustrations wonderfully complement Boelts' sweet-natured main characters and non-didactic life lesson." -- *Booklist* 11/01/2007

December 2007 (circ. 3,000): "In this witty, wise picture book Boelts presents a kids-eye view of a consumer fad that rages through school at gale force." ----- -- ----- *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books, starred review, The* 12/05/2007

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