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A Place to Stay

Gunti, Erin

Illustrated by Esteli Meza

Cambridge: Barefoot Books, 2019

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A Place to Stay is a touching book about a mother using her imagination to help her daughter adjust to the shelter that they will be staying in. At first, the daughter is apprehensive and afraid - the shelter does not look very much like a house - but after a bit of make-believe and meeting a new friend there, she begins to feel much better about her new place to stay. This book provides a crucial talking point between parents and their children. It opens up space for conversations about homelessness, abuse, and the different situations that children and their families may be coming from. *A Place to Stay* may also provide comfort to children who are currently staying in a shelter because they realize that they are not alone. Additionally, Meza's illustrations show a combination of joy, grief, and imagination, acknowledging the myriad of feelings that children and adults may have when staying at a shelter. The book concludes with more information about shelters, why people may stay there, and the resources that are available at many shelters. **Highly Recommended** Ashley Riddle, *Centennial Library Intern, Cedarville University*