

# Little Rebels Exploring Social Justice

## You Need To Chill!

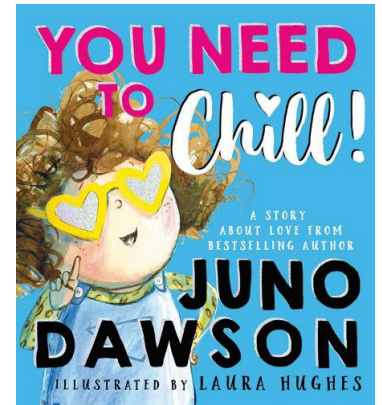
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*A picture book which challenges assumptions about and soothes anxieties around gender identity or, as it says on the back cover, a story about "love, identity and allyship".*

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**Social Justice Themes: LGBTQ+ Rights; Diversity; Equal Treatment; Well-being**

### Things to talk about

- The children in the story are curious to know where Bill is but the narrator doesn't tell them straight away. What effect does this have on the questions being asked? Are they sensible? What sort of questions would you ask?
- How do you think the narrator feels about being asked so many questions? Does this change as more questions are asked? Are there any clues in the illustrations?
- The narrator's reply to all the questions is 'Hun, you need to chill'. What does she mean by this? Do you ever use the word chill?
- When the narrator explains that her brother Bill "Is now my sister Lily", do you understand what she means? Has this changed how she feels about her sister?
- Look at the spread at the end of the book where all the characters are holding signs. What do you think the book is trying to say here? Have you heard the word 'ally'? What do you think it means?

### Activities

- Imagine that you are one of the 'allies' holding up a sign to support your friend. Design your own sign. What will it say?

### Extended

- Words like 'Inclusion', 'Belonging' and 'Diversity' are important in this story. Do you understand what they mean. Can you find out? Do you think they are important words?

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