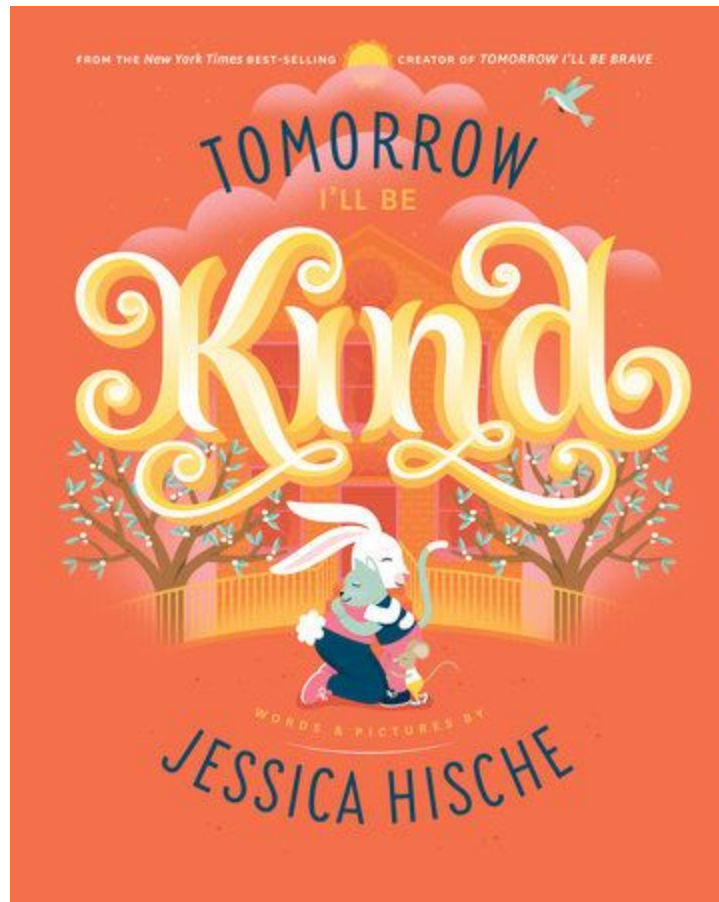


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# Tomorrow I'll Be Kind

By Jessica Hische

Illustrated by Jessica Hische

*"Tomorrow I'll be kind  
My heart my guiding light.  
The smallest spark of kindness  
Shines through the darkest night."*

This wonderful debut title by author/illustrator Jessica Hische is an absolute delight; the prose flows in a lilting, smooth 6/8 meter. The words feel truly lyrical, with even flow and a nice rhyme scheme. The beautiful artwork highlights the main word of each "verse", with a great pattern of bolded words.

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As beautiful as the stylized words are, it might take students - or adults - a second to actually read it. But that's great, as it encourages kids to get into the book and race to see who can figure it out. The bolded words make it easy to cloze-read with students (where the teacher reads but leaves out key words for students to read).

With older elementary students, it's easy to see an activity of having groups of students be assigned to act out or create a scenario that could go along with the various words, which are Helpful, Patient, Gentle, Honest, Generous, Grateful, and Kind, respectively. The socioemotional possibilities for all ages are endless with this title. I'm already imagining a program or informance of this book as a Rondo with a piece from the volumes!

Everything about this book makes me smile, and I'm certain it will make your students smile as well. It's available from all sorts of major retailers, even as a board book from Amazon.