

APRIL BOOK REVIEW  
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## **The World Needs Who You Were Made to Be**

*Written by Joanna Gaines  
Illustrated by Julianna Swaney*

*"Today is the day for the ride of our lives, as we discover how our differences make for a beautiful sky. We're one of a kind, both you and me, and the world needs who we were made to be!"*

This is a beautifully written book by Joanna Gaines with a wonderful message. It has fabulous illustrations as well as thoughtful rhyming content. Unlike other books, this one focuses on who we are on the inside! How some students would rather work alone and others together...some work well in quiet spaces and others thrive on conversation. These are important conversations to have with our students, especially for them to see themselves in the book! This would be a perfect story for any time of year, especially as we shift to school-wide SEL focuses. It is also a perfect book for spring, as you could incorporate rainbow activities or hot air balloon extensions. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do! Happy reading!