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Pinky, A Girl-Power Hero

Despite decades of advances in the woman's movement, there are some who still believe that girls are weaker or less smart than boys of the same age. Children's author and illustrator MJ Daley-Prado saw a need for a strong, young, female character and Pinky fits the bill.

This empowering story is geared for audiences aged 4 to 9 and will also appeal to older children. My four-year-old daughter and six-year-old son loved it! Pinky is well on her way to becoming a bedtime favorite in our household.

Pinky packs a wallop; both in the boxing ring and in the book's wonderful message. She isn't afraid to do things her way; i.e., streaking her blonde hair or concealing her identity in the championship match. Don't think of calling her a tomboy, as Pinky isn't happy to copy the boys – she sets out to beat them. Ignoring her Mom and Coaches' warnings, Pinky enters the State Boxing tournament to compete against the guys! Will she win? Can she overcome the doubters and gain the crowd's support? You'll have to pick up a copy to find out.

Pinky's message is clear and Prado's beautiful illustrations keep even the youngest reader's interest peaked. Prado is the author of six children's books, including *Grandma, What Is Cancer?*

I highly recommend Pinky for early readers looking for a girl-power hero. Pinky K. Henderson is a heroine who will entertain children and charm adults alike.

Reviewed by William Potter for Reader's Choice Reviews 5 Stars

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