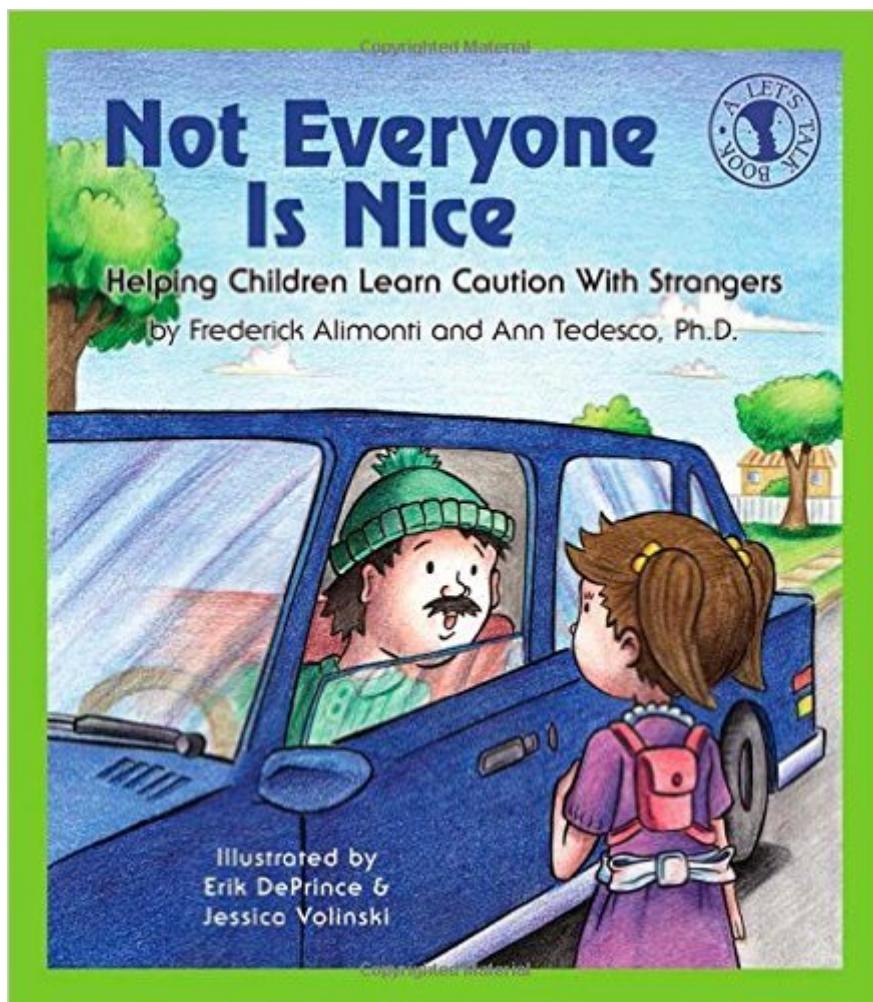


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# Not Everyone Is Nice: Helping Children Learn Caution With Strangers (Let's Talk)



## **Synopsis**

Kathy is waiting for her mother outside of school when a strange car approaches. The smiling man inside offers to drive Kathy home, suggesting that her mother may be hurt or sick. Just before Kathy is ready to climb in, her mother arrives and the man speeds off. Kathy is confused and hurt that the nice man would leave so quickly. Later that night, Kathy's parents use examples from nature of pretty but lethal plants and fish to show her that animals and people that look or seem nice may be very dangerous. *Not Everyone is Nice* teaches children what to do if a stranger approaches and reminds them that looking or acting nice doesn't mean a person is safe.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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## **Customer Reviews**

This is a great children's book, teaching children about the potential danger represented by strangers in a way that is very entertaining and not at all scary. The prior reviewer neatly summarized the story line, so I won't retype the same things. What I will add is that I got this book for my nephew and it turned out to be the perfect gift-- he enjoys the story and the colorful pictures, yet at the same time he is learning a very important lesson. Every time we get to the part in the book where the little girl approaches the stranger in the car, my nephew tells me "that's a no-no." He doesn't seem scared or anxious, yet he's learned the important central lesson of the book. One of

the co-authors is a psychologist and she's obviously taken great pains to make sure the tone of the book is exactly right for young readers. Included also, for parents, is a list of safety tips, which my sister, as a first-time parent, found extremely useful. Before I read the book, I worried that it might be too serious and intimating for children, but having seen it, I'm a big fan. I'll probably buy several more copies as gifts for other children we know.

Teaching children to be cautious around strangers cannot be stressed enough. This book does an invaluable service in helping parents address issues of what to do if approached by a stranger and safety steps the children can take. It is NEVER too early to teach children about safety. Sadly, in some worst case scenarios, the point becomes moot. This book is a good preventive tool. The story focusses on a little girl who is nearly kidnapped by a stranger. She is easily misled into thinking he is a nice man. The book provides parents, educators and others with a forum to discuss why not everybody is nice and preventive steps one can take to stack the safety odds in their favor. Making safety talks a regular part of one's lives and routines will ultimately save a lot of lives and also provide tools to build a safer world.

In today's world, it is very important to speak to children about safety and strangers. How do you begin such discussions with young children? Much information exists to help parents teach children what to do in dangerous situations. Parents should begin teaching children about safety at a very young age. The book, "Not Everyone Is Nice," gives parents an opportunity to discuss stranger safety with young children. The story is about a little girl who is almost kidnapped by a stranger. The story explains that there are many people in this world who are nice, but there are also some who are not. The book includes some safety tips for children and parents. MyParentTime.com recommends this book -- it gives parents a great opportunity to discuss stranger safety with their children. If parents make safety discussions a part of their child's everyday lives, they will be become informed and empowered...and not afraid to discuss their own safety as they grow.

My main problem with this book is that it is based on the incorrect assumption that strangers are primarily responsible for sexual abuse and abduction of children. Most offenders are people a child knows, most often family members. When an individual is looking for children to abuse, they often become friends with the family and child before beginning to abuse. Including information about strangers is useful, but focusing on that possibility leaves a child vulnerable to sexual predators that s/he knows.

I just received this and I'm confused by the positive reviews. I think the book was a good idea, but the authors needed a merciless editor. The book is WAY too long: 20 pages with 80 words on some pages, practically a term paper, a painful one. The book is recommended for ages 4-8, but the drawings and language are more suited for 3-5 year olds; in fact I found the language down right condescending (babyish). There's a weird lack of cohesion about the whole book, like the authors hadn't quite figured out what they wanted to say or who they wanted to say it to. This book isn't appropriate for anyone.

I don't know...I have an almost-4 year old. Maybe I am struggling with the transition from children's books where kids wander off and handle themselves alone (Goldilocks), or they save the day (Lazytown), or they identify nice men by the colors they wear (Dr. Seuss's Mr. Brown and Mr. Black). My child didn't understand -- even after two readings of this book -- that Mr. Green was not a nice man and was trying to deceive the child in the book. The analogy to beautiful but harmful sea creatures was a good one. I have tried to reinforce that message. The situation on the street corner wasn't scary enough to make any impact. After reading the book twice, my child still saw no problem with accepting the candy from Mr. Green. Instead of this book, we are watching (repeatedly) our newly purchased Safe Side DVD. Because of that fabulous DVD, I think the concepts are finally sinking in.

Stranger Danger! We live in scary times. I bought this book for my niece. I was having an anxiety attack after watching something on TV, and decided to buy this book for my niece. This is a great book. I feel you have to reiterate to kids the dangers of strangers. The book conveys the message really well but I would urge you to still talk to the kids. Explain to them to make smart choices and not follow friends into bad situations. This book is essential in every household with children. A good read. We read this to my niece every month just to emphasize, but not scare.

This book is excellent for helping children understand the seriousness of talking to strangers. As an elementary school counselor, I have been reading it to students in grades K and one every year for several years now. It covers the basic rules for safety and also holds the interest of the students. I will probably use it for years to come.

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