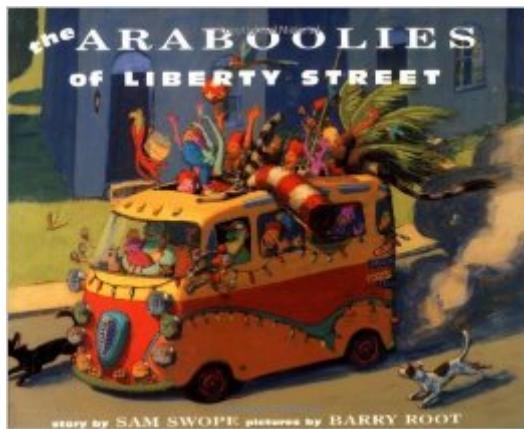


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# The Araboolies Of Liberty Street



## **Synopsis**

The kids of Liberty Street join forces to help the Araboolies when mean General Pinch orders them to move because they look different.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

This book offered a wonderful way for my third grade students to reflect on what can happen when there is a dictatorship who condemns diversity. They loved the Araboolies, and enjoyed both the text and the illustrations. After reading the book, I asked the kids if they thought there was a message in the book. One child answered quietly, "like Joy, each one of us can make a difference." Others piped in, "like Harriet Tubman, Like Rosa Parks, like Abraham Lincoln" and the list went on....naming people who chose to make a positive difference in this world.

I purchased this because my daughter loves the other book by Sam Swope "Gotta Go Gotta Go". I have to say I don't like this one at all. The book is just ok and there were several parts where we had to change the words used as we didn't think they were appropriate for a 3 year old. I would skip it if I had to do it over. I do however highly recommend "Gotta Go Gotta Go"...our daughter loves that one.

This is one of my favorite books of all time. It is a fun way to understand in such a simple way about racism and bullying. It makes a perfect gift for young families. But I keep a copy for myself to read from time to time.

The Araboolies of liberty StreetThe Araboolies of Liberty Street is about a couple that detests colors, cheerfulness and children. But a lot of, "Araboolies" come and settle in. The Araboolies are a family of eleven that love colors, children and cheerfulness. All the Araboolies do all day is paint their house and the rest of the street except the couple's house and make everything as colorful and cheerful as they can. Meanwhile, the couple decides to send in the troops to destroy the house that is different from all the others. The general rushes to Liberty Street with his troops and looks for the house that is different. So far they only see the colorful and cheerful-looking houses. Finally, they see it and charge forward. The couple hears loud footsteps and looks out the window. They yell at the general and threaten them that they will call the troops, but the troops were already there. So, following their instructions, the general and his fellow troops destroy the house and the couple along with it. Everyone on the street celebrates (the Araboolies) and is happy forever. I liked this book very much because it is not like many books are written, it's written differently. The plot is different and the characters are different. The whole story is unique. I really liked the end of the book because it was very funny when the couple threatened to call the general and his troupes to destroy the Araboolies' homes but they were already there and couldn't do anything but annihilate the couple's house. I would recommend this book to anyone that likes funny and adventurous books.

This is good for teaching about fairness and bullies. Goes with common core standards for teaching point of view. If you are looking for a compare and contrast lesson with perspective the big orange spot goes great with this book.

I absolutely love this story about the colorful Araboolies who move to prim and proper Liberty Street where everyone is strongly encouraged to be the same. Children are delighted by the surprise ending.

I attended Middlebury's Bread Loaf School of English with the author, Sam Swope. I needed some light reading one day and cruised the campus book store. "Ah, a children's book", I thought, "that's a good choice." Little did I know how much that book would come to mean, much less to a husband

and children who had yet to enter my life. The Araboolies of Liberty Street has come to be the one story we read every night which none of us wants removed from the rotation. I've been enjoying that book for 15 years-how wonderful to have others join me. It will become the "birthday" book for my children's friends. The toys will come and go, but the lessons of The Araboolies will live for a very long time, especially in our family.

What a cute story for kids and what a wonderful message it has for adults. Change and differences can be good, especially in this story. Who gives others the right to say what can and cannot be done! When you keep up a threatening fuss, be careful, it just might backfire. My small grandchildren loved the story, the colorful pictures, and eventually the message.

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