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Lisa Wheeler and Molly Idle remind overeager little biters that *biting is for food*.

It's good to bite a carrot.

It's good to bite a steak.

It's *bad* to bite your sister!

She's not a piece of cake.

Cause...

*People don't bite people!*

That's what this book's about.

So if you find

you're tooth-inclined—

you'd better check it out!

## People Don't Bite People Details

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## Becky says

Y'all... some kids really need this book. It does a great job of being just enough silly but matter-of-fact at the same time. You're not a shark! But like, seriously, don't bite people. And the little chorus can be great to use on a kid that if you start saying it to them when you can tell they're getting ready to bite, that they can finish the rhyme and keep their chompers to themselves.

Characters with dark skin tones are still pretty light skinned, so the book seems a little Caucasian heavy. Otherwise, I totally dig Molly Idle's illustration style.

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## Roben says

The message comes through loud and clear - people don't bit people. Sharks. Wolves. Puppies. Even babies get a pass because they are just too little. But everyone else is old enough to know better. Don't bite people. And don't bit yourself. A little didactic but in a cute way. I think this would make a great read-aloud to include in a storytime on biting or teeth.

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## KC says

Absolutely charming rhyming book reminding us that teeth are for food!

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## Becky says

First sentence: It's good to bite a carrot.

It's good to bite a steak.

It's BAD to bite your sister!

She's not a piece of cake.

Premise/plot: The title says it all. This rhyming picture book has a message--an agenda--one that we can all get behind. People don't bite people. People can and should use words to express their feelings. People can and should practice self-control.

My thoughts: I liked this one. It is thorough leaving no room for doubt. Brothers. Sisters. Mothers. Fathers. Friends. People. I liked the rhyming for the most part. Some of the rhymes were just fun!

People don't bite people.

You're not a zombie, dude!

A friend will never bite a friend.

Biting is for food!

People don't bite people!  
It really isn't right.  
But if their head is gingerbread....  
go on and take a bite!

Text: 5 out of 5  
Illustrations: 3 out of 5  
Total: 8 out of 10

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### **Amanda says**

Finally! A funny book about biting.

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### **Mary Librarian says**

Really funny way to teach little kids not to bite. Would be a good storytime/read aloud pick.

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### **Abby says**

Really cute book to talk about only biting food, strong rhyme (probably singable) and tongue-in cheek humor for the grown-ups too

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### **Lynn says**

Message books for little kids usually leave me cold but trust Wheeler and Idle to make me bite er...eat my words! Great funny rhymes and engaging comic illustrations make this one a treat to read. I giggled my way through it and can't wait to test this on the focus group.

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### **Missy says**

I don't like to wield my managerial prerogative too often, but tonight was an exception when I forced three of my colleagues to sit and listen while I read aloud "People Don't Bite People." But this is a book that begs to be read aloud, again and again. The concept -- don't bite -- is simple, yet critical, in the lives of the picture book audience. The language is brilliant and funny and sophisticated.

A dog may bite.  
A horse may bite.  
They're animals, you see.  
But we can choose to use our words.

We're people, you and me.

We all need a reminder that "we can choose to use our words," whether we're talking about biting or passive-aggressive sighing. (TMI?)

And, it ends with a wonderful twist. Which is just the best thing when one is reading aloud to a group of children (or colleagues).

Add to this delightful language, the gorgeous illustration by Molly Idle. Rounded, slightly retro, with bright colors, the images clearly illustrate the lesson, "Biting is for food."

Adults and children alike will find joy in listening to *People Don't Bite People*. In fact, I have a copy here, do you have a minute?

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### **Laurie Brumbaugh says**

This is a cute, funny book about biting that parents of young children are sure to appreciate. Whether or not it actually prevents the unwanted behavior remains to be seen, but I don't think it could hurt. At the very least, readers will get a good laugh.

It's very rhythmical, to the point that I feel it almost needs to be sung. But maybe that's just because all I can think of is Cam's "People Aren't Food" song from *Modern Family*!

Seriously, if you haven't seen it, check it out: <https://youtu.be/lSMavIDYogE>

Just don't blame me if the tune gets stuck in your head! :P

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### **Chance Lee says**

The text has an incredible rhyme and rhythm, lovely pictures, no story to speak of, but a nice lesson telling kids not to bite people.

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### **Natalie Sapkarov Harvey says**

Charming and catchy!

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### **Deb says**

Lisa Wheeler and Molly Idle are a wonderful team. Toddlers and adults will giggle at the hilarious scenarios and Wheeler's rhymes are spot on, as usual.

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**Nicole says**

This book is a great story for children who have trouble biting people!!!! The illustrations are fantastic (I Love Molly Idle)! The rhyming and comedy of the book will have children and parents laughing, but more importantly being able to be serious about the topic of biting.

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**Lucia says**

A good reminder for us all that biting is for food! Great, fun illustrations, reminding me of early Campbell's soup kids. . . But a great lesson within.

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