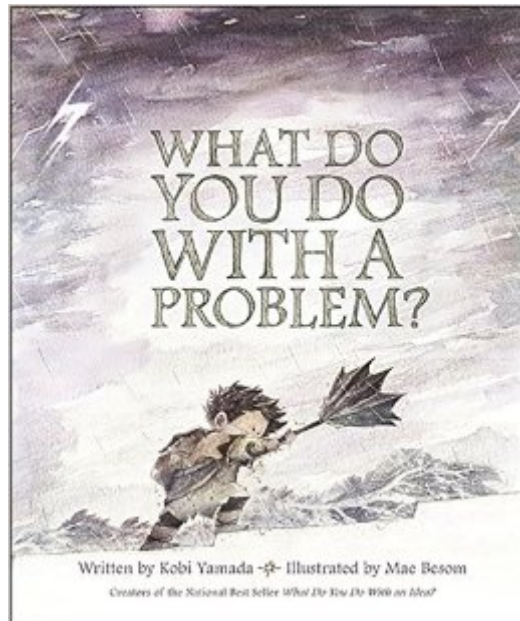


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# What Do You Do With A Problem?



## Synopsis

A #1 New York Times Best Seller, *What Do You Do With a Problem?* is a story for anyone, at any age. From the same author and illustrator as the #1 nationally best-selling *What Do You Do With an Idea?* comes a new book to encourage you to look closely at problems and discover the possibilities they can hold. This is the story of a persistent problem and the child who isn't so sure what to make of it. The longer the problem is avoided, the bigger it seems to get. But when the child finally musters up the courage to face it, the problem turns out to be something quite different than it appeared. Praise for *What Do You Do With a Problem?* • Gold medal winner of the Mom's Choice Award • In a wonderful balance of text and pictures, the team responsible for *What Do You Do With an Idea* (2014) returns with another book inspiring children to feel good about themselves. • "Publishers Weekly" • ...Yamada's inspirational prose and the romance of Besom's spreads make an impact. • "Kirkus Reviews" *What Do You Do With a Problem?* is a story for anyone, at any age, who has ever had a problem that they wished would go away. It's a story to inspire you to look closely at that problem and to find out why it's here. Because you might discover something amazing about your problem... and yourself.

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## Customer Reviews

I was really disappointed. I bought this for my child with anxiety about new things hoping that it'd be more of a 'solutions' type book. Instead, it sort of feeds the different ways to avoid tackling a problem. After the book is done describing the different ways that you cannot ignore a problem, it

just says that you have to tackle it. Of course, we tried to talk it out and discuss methods of tackling problems, but we already do that and I hoped this book would reinforce the try try again type of solution. My daughter is VERY into books. And usually, when we get a new book, she wants to spend the next hour looking at it and rereading it. She didn't ask to take this book into her room or anything. It was done and she wasn't intrigued by it. It's an absolutely great book for maybe an older person. As an adult, I felt like it was really great to reinforce that we can't hide from our problems or bury them or whatever. but for a young child, it doesn't help them know what to DO with a problem.. just what not to do.

Excellent story, amazing art work! Sometimes my 4-year-old doesn't want to talk about a problem with his mom/dad, and he gets frustrated and acts out. This book has really helped him try to understand that you have to face your problems head-on, talk about them, work on fixing them, and then things will get better. It is the discussions we have after reading this book that are wonderful...

I just can't say enough positive things about this new Kobi Yamada book! From the viewpoint of a teacher and school counselor, I immediately identified so many ways that this book can help kids face problems and find the silver lining in difficult situations. So many of our students are riddled with anxiety and worry and there really isn't a great deal of information for adults to help kids take some of the weight off their overburdened shoulders. Kobi Yamada teaches kids that every problem also brings new opportunities, and with some practice, kids can learn how to extract meaning from the burdens they carry. If you're a teacher or counselor who wants to pair your book purchase with a literature unit to practice reframing problems, do a search on Teachers Pay Teachers. I've created companions for both of Kobi's books (Store: Kirsten's Kaboodle) and other product creators will surely be creating resources in the days to come. Many thanks to Kobi Yamada and Mae Besom for creating such a gem of a book... it truly has the potential to change kids' lives! Hurray!

I ordered this book for my daughter, who I am currently trying to work with on sportsmanship and friends. She gets easily frustrated and has very tender feelings, so when she gets upset she likes to try and hide from whatever is bothering her and avoid it until she can forget why it bothers her. Instead of doing that, I want to empower her to be the solution to her problem. I think this book did a really fantastic job of addressing all the ways she likes to hide from the things bugging her, and letting her know that in the end she can make it go away on her own if she will just look at the issue head on. To complement the story, my husband and I also reassured her that when a problem is too

big for just her we are always there to help, but it did make her feel more confident. In the end of the book, the silver lining of the problem and just having to tackle it made a lot of sense to her, and she related well to the character of the story. At bed time, we usually read her a book of her choice and she gets to sleep with it under her pillow so she can dream about it. She picked this book for an entire week and told me in the morning that it made her dream about being brave.

This book is ABSOLUTELY, MARVELOUSLY EPIC!! From the encompassing beauty of the illustration to the simple message of the book, Kobi inspires children and adults alike to look at their problems anew. Thank you, Kobi!! Most of the picture books out there are plain crap. This book is one of the BEST in the world and belongs in every personal and public library.

I bought this book for my 4 year-old today. The beautiful illustrations convey the story well, and the message is straightforward enough for young ones.

This is a great book with a valuable lesson and just enough depth for its intended audience. My 5 year old enjoyed the suspenseful build up as the "problem" got bigger and bigger. Then we've talked about problems he's had. 5 year olds have very cute problems. Anyhow, I get the criticism from one reviewer who basically said that the problem solving section lacked depth to tackle specific problems but honestly, this is about as much depth that a children's self-help book needs. Essentially, the message is you can't ignore it, you can't run away from it and you can't hide from it - you just have to "tackle it." AND most importantly, problems hold opportunities. I think this is a great message for helping to foster grit!

My boys absolutely love reading this book...in fact, my 4 year old who can't yet read has managed to memorize it almost word for word he has read it so many times. The message is also fantastic. Recommend to anyone.

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