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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal
Kindergarten-Grade 3--This is a jazzy story about an African-American girl who loves music. From the time she was a baby banging out rhythms with her rattle or a two-year-old making a horn to toot on or a kindergartner looking for other kids with the same passion, Violet played and sang, and hummed and thought about music all the time. Then "one day a few summers later," she finds Angel, Randy, and Juan, all of whom are kindred spirits, to jam with. And the best part is that every one of them knew that they would find one another. With an upbeat text that uses lots of sound words, this tale celebrates music as much as it applauds being true to what you love. Violet seems perfectly happy to keep on making music and looking for fellow musicians. She never gives up in either pursuit, and in the end is rewarded for her perseverance. Done in acrylics and collage, the lively illustrations seem to move on the page. Violet and her friends have round, smiling faces; elongated arms and legs; and play instruments that have a life and movement all their own. Pair this title with Judy Cox's My Family Plays Music (Holiday, 2003) or Lloyd Moss's Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin (S & S, 1995) and Music Is(Putnam, 2003) for a rousing storytime.--Jane Marino, Bronxville Public Library, NY
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From Booklist
PreS-Gr. 2. Ever since she was a baby, all Violet has wanted to do is play music. When she enters kindergarten, she notices that every kid has some activity he or she likes--painting, pasting, playing in the sandbox--but no one loves music like Violet does. Then Violet grows old enough to play guitar, and while strumming in the park, she meets other kids playing instruments; together they form a band. Johnson tells a familiar story about alienation and then relief after a child finds other like-minded souls. What's fresh here is that Violet and her friends are never portrayed as sad outsiders. With tough, spirited optimism, Violet keeps doing the thing she loves, sure she'll eventually find other kids who have also "dreamed music, thought music, all day long." Repetitive phrases and plenty of onomatopoeia continue the story's cheerful energy and beat, as do the busy, paint-and-collage candy-bright illustrations showing chocolate-brown Violet making music in a bustling city. *Gillian Engberg*
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Review
Violet was always a musical child. Even when she was a few hours old she would bang her rattle against the crib, hoping the other babies in the nursery would join in: "Boom / Shake / Beat / Shake / all day long, / Violet played that rattle." On her second birthday she makes her own horn out of paper and "tooted from morning till that night." Once she gets to kindergarten she wonders if there are other kids who "dreamed music, / thought music, / all day long." There aren't. One day, however, as the older but persistently musical Violet plays her guitar alone in the park ("Twang / Twang / Yeah / Yeah / Twang Twang / Yeah!"), she hears another kid beating a drum over by the fountain, a saxophonist behind the jungle gym, and a singer beside the flower garden! Angel, Randy, Juan, and Violet--after spending their whole lives looking for a kindred spirit--all form a band and presumably groove happily after. Acclaimed teen novelist and picture-book author Angela Johnson (*When I Am Old With You*, *Julius*) tells a satisfying story about pursuing one's passion and the joy of sharing it with likeminded folks. Laura Huliska-Beith's cheerful, multi-patterned, pleasingly distorted paintings of the African American Violet and her family are as whimsical and vivacious as Johnson's prose. (Ages 4 to 8) --*Karin Snelson* -- *Amazon.com*

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