



LITTLE LIBRARIES, BIG HEROES

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Have you ever seen a little library? It's a small box where people put books that you can take and bring back, or keep and replace with another book. This is the story about that first little library and the man who had the idea!



Questions:

1. Do you like stories? Where can you find stories? Do stories count when you watch them on TV or in movies? Do they count in books? Do they count when you just tell them out loud?
2. How do you think Todd felt when his teachers said he wasn't a good student? Should a teacher ever say that to a student? Why not?
3. How did Todd feel when his mom died? Did he let his sadness take over his life, or did he think about what his mom would have loved and do something to honor her? Are both ways of grieving okay? Can people grieve differently?
4. How do you think Todd felt when no one passed his little library? How do you think he felt at the rummage sale when everyone saw it and loved it?
5. Can ordinary people do extraordinary things? Can ordinary people change the world? Does everyone start out as an ordinary person?
6. How do you think Todd and Rick felt when no one wanted the little libraries? How do you think they felt driving around and giving them away?
7. How would you feel to be a steward of a little library? Would you like to be a steward?
8. How do you think Todd and Rick felt as their idea grew bigger and bigger? How would you feel if an idea you had spread to another city? Another state? Another country?
9. Can one little idea like putting up a small library in your front yard turn into a big idea that takes over the world and makes it better?
10. Can ordinary people like Todd and Rick do extraordinary things? Could you do something extraordinary? What would you do if you thought it would change the world? Even if it doesn't change the whole world, should you still try it anyway? What if it just makes your classroom better? Or your school? Or your city? To be a good idea and to change things, does what you do have to spread all the way around the world?
11. Can a lot of little things add up to make a big difference?