

## Last Stop on Market Street

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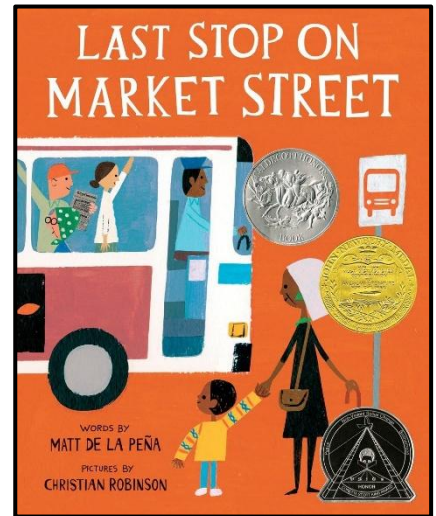
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**"Nana, how come we don't got a car  
~CJ**

Last Stop on Market Street is a beautiful story about community, belonging, and noticing the beauty in everyday life. The book follows CJ and his Nana as they ride

the city bus after church, moving through neighbourhoods impacted by economic disparities.

I appreciate how this story gently introduces children to questions about equity, privilege, and difference. CJ's questions, why his family doesn't have a car, why other children have things he doesn't, and why some parts of the city look neglected, are honest reflections of what many children quietly wonder. Nana never dismisses these questions. Instead, she invites CJ to see beauty in people, places, and moments that are often overlooked.



### Guiding Questions

- What do you think this story will be about?
- What is happening on this page?
- What do you think CJ is wondering about?
- What do you notice about how people are getting around the city?
- What did CJ notice about what other kids have that he doesn't?
- Do people need the same things to be important or cared about?
- What do you notice about the people on the bus?
- What are some different ways people can see, hear, or understand the world?
- Some parts of the neighbourhood look newer or older. What do you notice?
- What do you think a soup kitchen is?
- Why do you think CJ and Nana go to the soup kitchen every week?
- After hearing the story, how did you notice people helping each other?
- Can you think of a time when you helped someone in our community?
- What did you enjoy most about the story?

### Themes to Explore

- Economic Inequity
- Inclusion
- Representation & Visibility
- Countering Stereotypes
- Community Care



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