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"A delightful book . . . a glimpse of what enlightened drug education could be." Andrew Weil, MD "Funny . . . offbeat . . . a riot, with a series of characters explaining the glory of cannabis to a young girl and her mother." New York Post (3.5 out of 4 stars) It's Just a Plant is an illustrated children's book about marijuana. It follows the journey of a young girl as she learns about the plant from a diverse cast of characters including her parents, a local farmer, a doctor, and a police officer. Marijuana can be hard to talk about. Many parents have tried it, millions still use it, and most feel

awkward about disclosing such histories (many duck the question), for fear that telling kids the truth might encourage them to experiment too. Meanwhile, the "drug facts" children learn in school can be more frightening than educational, blaming pot for everything from teenage pregnancy to terrorism. A child's first awareness of drugs should come from a better source. *It's Just a Plant* is a book for parents who want to discuss the complexities of pot in a thoughtful, fact-oriented manner. NOTE: THIS BOOK DOES NOT ADVOCATE DRUG/MARIJUANA USE.

From School Library Journal Kindergarten-Grade 3 It would be helpful to have a book explaining who uses the substance and why, possible reactions, responsibilities, and legal implications, but this picture book is not it. Jackie wakes up late at night and finds her parents smoking pot. They give a simple explanation and promise to talk to her about it the next day, which happens to be Halloween. The awkwardly drawn, full-page art shows Jackie and her mom in odd costumes riding their bikes to see the marijuana farmer, and then to a doctor who explains that some adults use the drug, but that children absolutely should not. When they pass some stores and the child recognizes the now-familiar sweet smell, she sees a group of African-American men smoking. Implausibly, they stop and explain some details about marijuana and hold still when the police arrive. Even more surprising is the officer who explains why the drug is illegal and that people are trying to change the laws; he then lets the young men go with a simple warning. Susan Lissim, Dwight School, New York City Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "I highly recommend this little book for students in D.A.R.E., other drug abuse prevention programs, and their teachers and parents. It's a jewel." ---Ethan Nadelmann Executive Director of the Drug Policy Alliance "Funny.. offbeat... a riot, with a series of characters explaining the glory of cannabis to a young girl and her mother." 3 1/2 out of 4 Stars ---New York Post "It doesn't really matter whether *It's Just a Plant* is what it seems to be -- a highly earnest and enthusiastic children's book about marijuana -- or a sh--s-'n'-giggles hoax, or a self-aggrandizing attempt to shock the bourgeoisie. It is what it is: A beautifully-illustrated, hilariously multitee-cultee children's book about the history, botany, (il)legality and potency of good old Mary Jane. ---The Valley Advocate About the Author Ricardo Cortes is best known for illustrating the #1 New York Times best-selling classic *Go the F*** to Sleep*, and the G-rated follow-up *Seriously, Just Go to Sleep*. His most recent book is *A Secret History of Coffee, Coca Cola*, and his work has also been featured in *Vanity Fair*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Village Voice*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and on CNN and FOX News. He lives in Brooklyn, New York.