

MIDWEST BOOK REVIEW - 1/9/2003

Unique Monique is an engaging picture book story by Maria Rousaki about a young girl who wants to be different - and the school uniform she has to wear doesn't help with her problem! So when she finds an old trunk belonging to her mother, she finds ways to bend the rules and truly stand out. No matter what she tries, the principal keeps banning her... until the braces a dentist appointment places on her teeth makes her truly "unique Monique." A lighthearted story with whimsical and wonderful color illustrations by Polina Papanikolaou, Unique Monique shows young readers age 5 to 9 a fun side to having to wear teeth-straighteners. (4 stars on www.Amazon.com)