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PreSchool-Grade 2-This is an engaging story about a girl who wants to be different. Monique attends a school where the uniforms are brown and blue, "the ugliest colors and the ugliest clothes she had ever seen." When she tries to improve the look through accessories that she finds in her attic, the other students are thrilled and follow her example, but the stern principal keeps banning each alteration. Finally, the protagonist discovers a way to be truly unique, while still following all of the rules. The simple text moves at a quick pace. Papanikolaou's dynamic illustrations are exciting and filled with action, and her round-eyed, large-headed characters are truly endearing, with the irrepressible and irresistible Monique leading the pack (by Shelley B. Sutherland, Niles Public Library District).