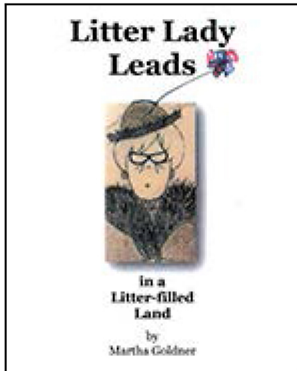


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Litter Lady Leads: in a Litter-filled Land

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"She can't help it. Litter Lady likes to clean up."

Litter Lady loves to clean up litter wherever she goes. She does such things as using the pointy end of her cane to pick up trash from the ground, grabbing gum wrappers off seats on the bus, recycling cans and suntan bottles at the beach, gathering paper plates and plastic utensils found at the swim club, and donating used but still functional appliances for other people. The vacuum is her favored tool. On top of it all, she finds time to hand out cookies. She is a hero in her community. However, it is a tough job for her to do alone, so her friends help with the cleanup efforts, and together, they make the world a cleaner place to live.

It is always good to come across stories about the need to dispose of litter and recycle. This story can help children realize just how widespread trash is and how much it can clutter up the world. They receive a wide range of examples while receiving the Litter Lady as a shining representation of how to handle such situations. Rather than ignore or add to the problem, for instance, they should help the Litter Lady by keeping their environment as clean as possible, throwing away their trash in the right places, recycling, and encouraging others to do the same. The lessons passed on by this story are powerful to learn from a young age, and they are ones that should stick around forever afterward. In other words, it is a nice, solid read with a lot of wisdom to impart.



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