

**Review:**

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Like any other child of her age, Ava loves spending time in the park. That her friend Sofia Jo is unable to accompany her there saddens her. Sofia, being blind, is dependent on her seeing-eye dog, Sadie. However, the rules prohibit all kinds of dogs from entering the park, thus excluding Sofia. Ava sets out to resolve this unfair rule with some assistance from her grandfather. When everyone starting from the policeman patrolling the park to the mayor of the town seems unable to help them, Ava is disheartened. Should she quit her mission, or should she continue fighting for her friend's rights? What does the US constitution have to say about this? Ava's Dream by Joseph J. Ridgway can provide the answers.

Seemingly a sweet and short story geared towards children, Ava's Dream holds a few profound messages. Ridgway introduces young readers to the US constitution and the legal system in the form of a relatable story. He describes the three branches of the government - legislative, executive, and judicial - and their limitations. This book helps children to understand clear concepts through repeated elucidations. Taking Ava's experience as an example, Joseph J. Ridgway shows how even good-intentioned rules can be unfair, depending on the circumstances. He demonstrates the way to stand up against such rules, albeit in a law-abiding manner. Ava's story emphasizes that when a cause is worthy enough, you should never give up fighting for it. This book teaches children patience and perseverance, two skills they will require throughout life.