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All is not well in Dotland . . .

*Splott had rules, you see,
for those who wanted in.
You couldn't be too fat
and you couldn't be too thin.
You couldn't be too old
or have too many kin.
And most of all, like Splott,
you had to have blue skin.*

Our children need to know their right to fair housing. Here is a book that explains it to them in a language they can understand. With its colorful illustrations and Seusslike rhymes, this book takes a child-friendly look at one of the most serious problems facing families all across America, discrimination in housing.

Federal fair housing laws prohibit discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, and the presence of children in a family. But laws alone will not end discrimination. Along with showing the importance of equal housing opportunity, this book illustrates the importance of speaking out against intolerance and empowers children to become active citizens in their communities. Ultimately, it is "one child who'll bravely say what's true" that sends the intolerant "Dotlords" packing.