Dear Teachers,

Is anyone perfect? Beatrice Bottomwell always does everything right. "Most people in town didn’t even know Beatrice’s name. They just called her ‘The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes,’ because for as long as anyone could remember, she never did." One day though, she almost makes a mistake. She can’t stop thinking about it, wondering what would happen if she really did make a mistake. Text and illustrations beautifully describe her growing fears in detail. And you guessed it – she finally makes a mistake...in front of a very large crowd! How will she ever get passed this? How will she handle the horror? Beatrice learns to relax enough to laugh about her mistake. This wonderful story is full of acceptance and goodwill and can be especially helpful for children who are afraid to make mistakes.

Please visit the LibGuide below to review the compiled resources.
http://ps36x.libguides.com/thegirlwhonevermademistakes

Possible discussion/writing prompts:

- Have you ever made a mistake? How did you handle it?
- What happens if you make a mistake?
- How can you help someone who feels as though they must be perfect?
- Explain Beatrice’s reaction when she makes a mistake during her performance. She could have cried or ran away, but she laughed. Why do you think that is?
- How can you learn from your mistakes?
- Why is it important that everyone just calls her “Beatrice” at the end?

Enjoy,
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