Lily knows that nothing is more important than family. She's so proud when her sister, Eubie, wins a college scholarship. And when her family pulls together to earn the rest of the money Eubie needs, Lily wants to help out too. But she's too young to do most jobs. What can she do to pitch in for Eubie?

Through her lyrical prose, Jerdine Nolen shares a heartfelt story about people working together to make dreams come true. And as Caldecott Honor artist E. B. Lewis reminds us in his luminous, tender paintings, nothing is more important than those family ties that bind us.

My Personal Review:
Mail deliveries containing letters with college admissions decisions can generate a great deal of excitement for families across the country, and the Shorter family is no different. The special envelope that Eubie received did indeed bring an offer of admission and a merit scholarship. However, the good news is tempered with a notification that Eubie and her family will need to contribute $3000 toward room and board, an amount that goes beyond their means. Determined to help Eubie make her dreams come true, the whole family decides to take on extra paid jobs to raise the necessary funds. Unfortunately, younger sister Lily is too young to hold a regular job, and her entrepreneurial projects fail to take off until a chance encounter generates a unique opportunity for her to earn money and pitch in for Eubie.

Readers will appreciate this story for its encouraging message about family members going to any lengths to support one another as they strive toward their goals. Underlying this message is a powerful set of economics lessons associated with the costs of education, budget constraints, saving, and work. E. B. Lewis's touching illustrations bring these lessons to life and add a rich layer of emotions to the compelling text. Pitching in for
Eubie is a first-rate book that will help children see another view of how families handle economic constraints in a creative and positive way.

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