

Fanny Britt's "Jane the fox and me" and Sharon G. Flake's "The Skin I am In" have really similar themes but the format in which they have been written is different. The main focus of "The Skin I am in" is a thirteen year old girl named Maleeka Madison who is bullied regularly by her classmates. The main focus of "Jane the fox and me" is a girl named Helene who is lonely person and is being bullied by people who once were her friends. Now we are going to be doing a comparative essay on how the theme of discrimination is portrayed through the characters of Maleeka and Helene in the novels, 'Jane the fox and Me' and 'The Skin I'm In'.

In the start of the story the characters had almost given up hope as they had endured bullying for a considerably long time and have been lonely for a long time. This is displayed clearly in the both of the books as they had actually accepted the insults which were being said to them and had actually accepted that they were someone not worth living or having friends. For example in the start of Jane the fox and me, when Helene is in the bus and when she listens to the Insults Genieve gives to her immediately she feels like this "The same thing happens every time - Another hole opens up in my ribcage". You can see Helene by saying "Another" means that she has experienced this many times in the past and has already probably given up. The same is for Maleeka, right in the start she says "To tell the truth, she was a freak like me". This tells us that . maleek has also been bullied a lot and has a low self-esteem. So we can see that both of the characters of both the books in the start of their stories are not happy and have almost given up.

Another similarity whenever the parent actually made or bought something the character was actually reminded of them. For example when maleeka looked back and found a mirror that her dad she instantly reminded of her dad "it's a cheap little thing. But Daddy gave it to me a long time ago, so I try to hold onto it" you can see she does feel a bit happy. Ssme is with helene and when her mother made her dress "\fb'  
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