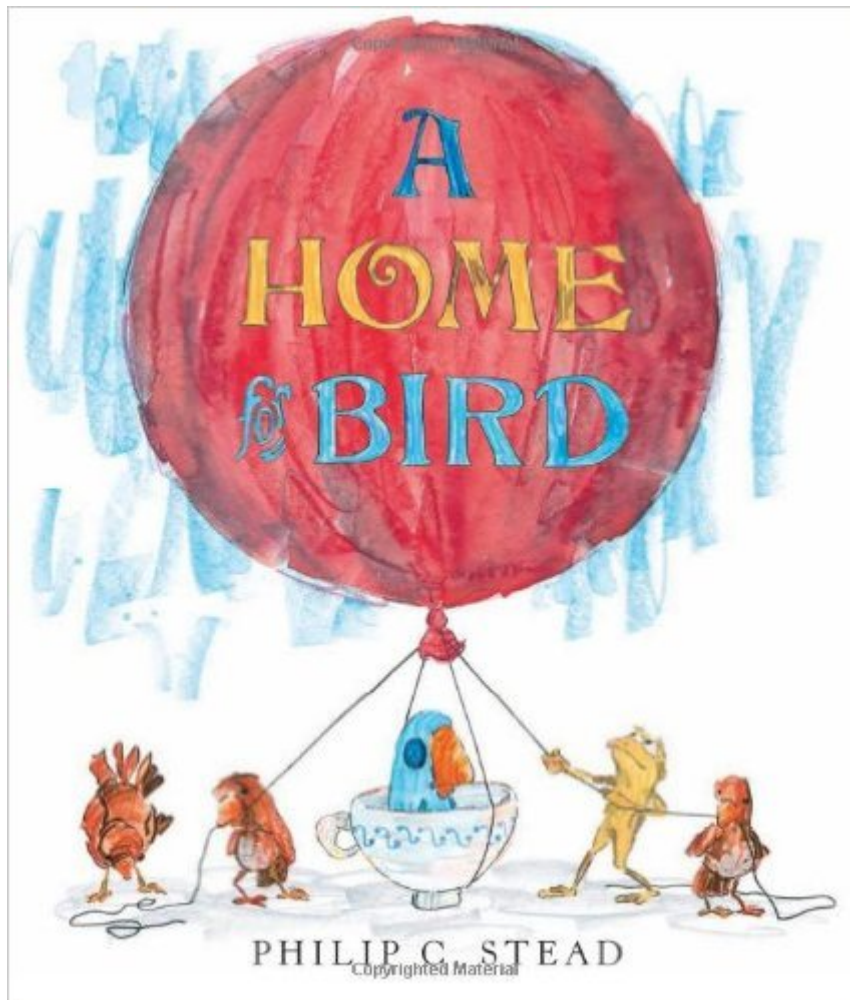


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A Home For Bird



Synopsis

While out foraging for interesting things, Vernon the toad finds a new friend - a small blue bird who is curiously silent. Vernon shows Bird the river and the forest and some of his other favorite things, but Bird says nothing. Vernon introduces Bird to his friends, Skunk and Porcupine, but Bird still says nothing. "Bird is shy," says Vernon, "but also a very good listener." Vernon worries that Bird is silent because he misses his home, so the two set off on a journey to help find a home for Bird. This is a tender tale of a thoughtful friend who is determined to help his quiet companion, by the author of *A Sick Day for Amos McGee*, winner of the 2011 Caldecott Medal. This title has Common Core connections. *A Home for Bird* is a Kirkus Reviews Best Children's Book of 2012.

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 6 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

"A Home for Bird" is a really cute book that is sure to be a favorite of your kids! Vernon meets a new friend Bird who is understandably quiet. The two embark on an adventure to find Bird's home! The illustrations include lots of details for younger kids to look for and follow from page to page to add even more depth to the story! Highly recommend! :)

A frog named Vernon meets the mute, stoic Bird, who might be lost. Unlike some of us, Vernon doesn't think Bird's silence is standoffish or rude. His silence seems shy (and, later, brave) to

Vernon. Bird is a good listener, thinks Vernon. The frog introduces Bird to his other friends, then sets out on an adventure with Bird -- going to great lengths (with great patience!) to help Bird find his home. I thought the story and illustrations were sweet and inventive. I don't know much about styles of illustration, but I thought the somewhat scribbly, sort of watercolor-wash of color ones here went well with Vernon's gentle spirit. My son is only 1, so he doesn't get the "payoff" of the big reveal at the end of the book, but I think he will when he's a bit older (and has seen more types of clocks). I think there are some really lovely messages here -- about going to unselfish lengths for your friends, accepting people (and things) as they are, and being happy for others. Yet the book isn't didactic or heavy-handed. It's simply, as I said of the illustrations, sweet.

This is a very delightful book. It has a cute story line and you follow the travel of the bird house until it finds its home. The pictures are colorful and my grandkids love this story. They love the animals in it. They are 4 & 6 years old.

Bought this because we adore Jonathan and the Big Blue Boat and wanted something by the same author. This is much much weaker. It doesn't have the cadence, the sympathetic protagonist, or the poignancy of Jonathan and BBB. The fact that the two books are structurally the same makes me realize just how hard it is to get a children's book perfect. It's not that easy to explain why this book is sort of meh while Jonathan and the Big Blue Boat is so so great. If you happen to like A Home for Bird, definitely get Jonathan and BBB. And if you don't like Home for Bird, don't give up on Phillip Stead. Try out Jonathan. It's been one of the books our kid seems to never tire of and we parents like it too.

Everything about this book is happiness! Vernon meets a new friend, Bird. However, "Bird is shy . . . but is also a very good listener." Bird continues to be shy and quite. Vernon begins to worry that Bird misses his home. Vernon sets out on a journey to help Bird find his home. All along the way, Bird says nothing. Finally, Vernon finds a stranger that points the way to Bird's home. Ta-dah! Bird finally sings. The story is sweet and the rich illustrations tell the story behind the story. My children first read this story with their Daddy and they could not wait for me to read it the next day. But they were careful not to spoil the surprise at the end of the story. You'll love the cute surprise. The illustrations are as enchanting and quirky as the story. My children studied the pictures for a long time discussing the art medium. I see an afternoon of art in our future. You might also like: Me and You Penguin and Pinecone

We love all of Philip C. Stead's children's books and so does our daughter. This is a great addition to our little collection and our daughter loved watching videos of cuckoo clocks in action when we first finished it.

This is a sweet little book and one of our favorites! Like the description says, it's about a toad helping his new quiet friend. My daughter is quiet and shy herself so I thought it would be nice read for us. She grabs it off the shelf night after night so I'm pretty positive she enjoys it. It also has a few repetitive phrases, such as, "the bird said nothing." I'd say, "the bird said...." and after just a few times reading it, she would naturally join in with, "nothing!" So, great if you're trying to encourage speech, etc. The illustrations are absolutely beautiful as well. I swoon over them page after page!

This is a great story about doing anything for a friend. This book was an instant hit with my 2 1/2 year old boy, and my husband and I also both enjoy reading it. I also think I have found my new favorite illustrator!

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