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Book Review

Title: Where's Walrus? And Penguin?

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Number of Pages: 32

Interest Level: Toddler, Preschool

Rating: Excellent



Review

When Walrus and Penguin manage to escape from the zoo, they are in for a lot of fun adventure. Disguising themselves as a mother and a baby, ticket takers and newspaper sellers, a pigeon feeder and a pigeon, part of a crew on a rowboat, a taxi driver and passenger, the orchestra director and member of an opera, and players on a baseball team, they manage to avoid the zookeepers trying to catch them. When Walrus gets hit on the head and has to be taken to the hospital, however, Walrus finds someone to be the love of his life.

While there is no text in this book, young readers will enjoy following the story of Walrus and Penguin hiding in plain sight from the increasingly anxious zookeeper trying to find them and bring them back to the zoo. It is a little like a Where's Waldo in a simpler way for younger children who might be frustrated with more complex search and find pictures. The artwork is cute, and its rounded edges makes it feel soft and pleasing for younger audiences. The marriage at the end is a little confusing, but overall the book is a cute one that will make readers smile as they follow the adventures of these two animals all over town.