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Mr. Prickles: A Quill-Fated Love Story

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Book Review

Title: Mr. Prickles: A Quill-Fated Love Story

Author: Kara LaReau

Illustrator: Scott Magoon

Reviewer: Lisa Packard

Publisher: Roaring Brook Press

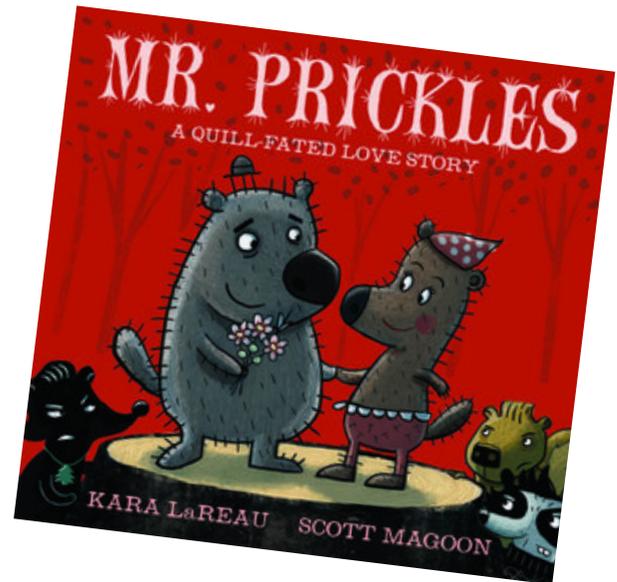
Publication Year: 2012

ISBN: 9781596434837

Number of Pages: 30

Interest Level: Preschool, Primary

Rating: Outstanding



Review

Mr. Prickles is a lonely porcupine. Raccoon, Chipmunk and Skunk don't invite him to play with them or have sleep overs because well....he's a porcupine. He's a bit prickly and pointy. Mr. Prickles decides to be angry and sad all the time instead of being happy with what he can do. But one day he meets another porcupine whose name is Miss Pointypants. They become very careful friends because they might poke each other on accident! As Mr. Prickles and Miss Pointypants are watching the other animals having fun and getting angrier and angrier until Miss Pointypants decides enough is enough! They can have fun by themselves. They don't need any one else. Mr. Prickles and Miss Pointypants go on little adventures like swimming and looking at the stars. Even though the other animals don't like them, they like each other and they can hug very VERY carefully without getting poked.

LaReau is a genius with this fun book. She has such creative language that makes you laugh and smile over and over again. This book would help any little boy or girl understand that they don't need to be friends with everyone, especially those who are not very nice to them. They just have to find that special someone that likes them for who they are. LaReau also teaches that looks aren't everything. Just because a porcupine isn't as cute and soft and cuddly as a chipmunk or raccoon, doesn't mean they aren't that way on the inside. It's the inside that count's. Magoon did a wonderful job with the pictures. You can laugh at all the silly things animals do in their spare time. Each of the little critters are just so unique and cute. One animal has some pretty impressive buck teeth while another has an extremely long nose. This is a story not only to enjoy during Valentine's day, but any time of the year.