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A Sick Day for Amos McGee

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Book Review

Title: A Sick Day for Amos McGee

Author: Philip C. Stead

Illustrator: Erin E. Stead

Reviewer: Kristie Hinckley

Publisher: Roaring Book Press

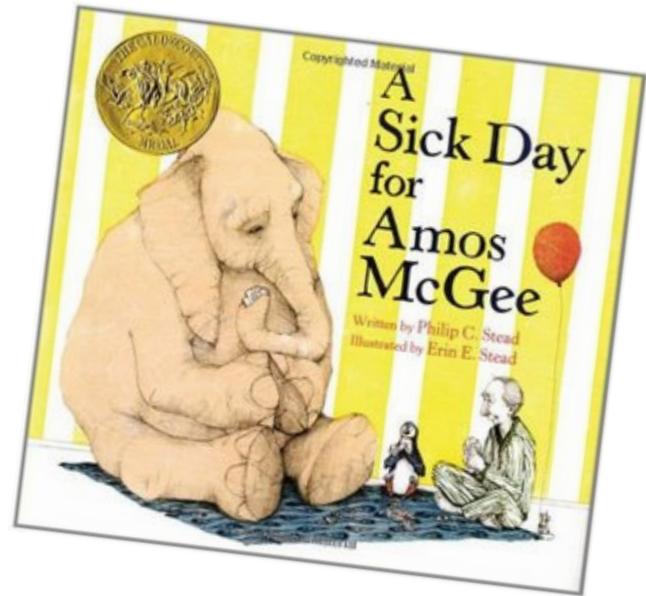
Publication Year: 2010

ISBN: 9781596434028

Number of Pages: 32

Interest Level: Preschool, Primary

Rating: Outstanding



Review

You might not expect to see an owl with glasses, a rhino with a scarf, a penguin with socks, or an elephant sitting on a chair, but that is exactly what Amos McGee sees when he heads to the Zoo. He takes care of them there. The animals expect him everyday until one day, he doesn't show up. The animals eventually find Amos, who is stuck at home sick, and they do just as much for Amos as he does for them. Friends rely on each other, especially when things get hard (or there is a sick day for Amos McGee).

Erin E. Stead used woodblock prints and pencil to create the illustrations in A Sick Day for Amos McGee. Parts of the illustrations are strictly sketched in black and white and some are colorful. The illustrations show that the animals in the story bring "color" to Amos' life. The illustrations personify the animals, in addition to the text. Children of many ages will enjoy this book as they read another example of the importance of taking care of friends and supporting them each and every day.