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# Mingo the Flamingo

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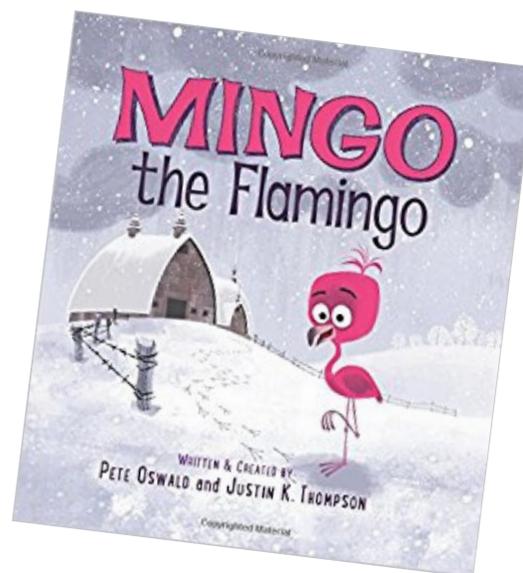
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# Book Review

**Title:** Mingo the Flamingo  
**Author:** Pete Oswald  
**Illustrator:** Justin K. Thompson  
**Reviewer:** Ariel Woodbury  
**Publisher:** HarperCollins Children's Books  
**Publication Year:** 2017  
**ISBN:** 9780062391988  
**Number of Pages:** 40  
**Interest Level:** Preschool  
**Rating:** Excellent



## Review

Mingo is heading out on his very first migration. Everything is going well until his family flies into a storm and Mingo crash-lands on a farm! The farm animals aren't sure what Mingo is. After determining that he is indeed an animal and not a golf club or lawn ornament, Mingo tries to remember who he is. But nothing seems right until one day he remembers! But poor Mingo's wing is still hurt and he can't fly to meet his family. Mingo trains to become strong enough to fly, but he still can't! His friends on the farm build him a plane and he flies home at last.

The illustration in *Mingo the Flamingo* are exceptionally well done. The perspectives are engaging and the juxtaposition between the vibrant flamingos on the beach and the muted, gray animals on the snowy farm is dramatic. The story is very simple and fun, with lots of silly side plots. The font frequently has large, expressive sound effects (onomatopoeia) or emphasized words that add to the story. Kids may be slightly confused by the gray pig and some other unfamiliar farm animals. Overall, children will enjoy this easy light-hearted story and will especially love the illustrations.