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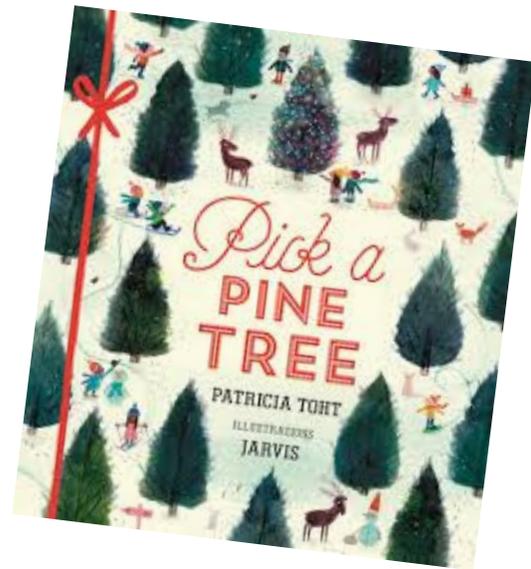
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Book Review

Title: Pick A Pine Tree
Author: Patricia Toht
Illustrator: Jarvis
Reviewer: Nicole Clark
Publisher: Candlewick
Year: 2017
ISBN: 9780763695712
Pages: 40
Interest Level: Preschool
Rating: Outstanding



Review

A charming rhyme for Christmas time, this little story goes from picking the right tree to transforming it into an elegantly decorated Christmas tree! First the family visits the tree lot to see trees of different shapes and types. Then everyone helps to clear a special place at home and together they set up the tree and make sure that it has water. Out come the decorations and lights and in come lots of friends to help with the decorating! In the end a Christmas tree stands tall and bright.

'Tis the season! The story covers many traditions that families have for selecting and setting up their Christmas trees. The illustrations show diversity within and without the family, and their friends are bright, cheerful, and have little details on each page that add meaning to the rhyming text. The style of the art is relaxed and playful, not sophisticated, but artfully comprised and worth perusing. The rhyme maintains the cadence and rhythm without distraction and without overwhelming the meaning. This story amps up the excitement for Christmas, so don't read it with the kids until you are ready to hit the tree lot!