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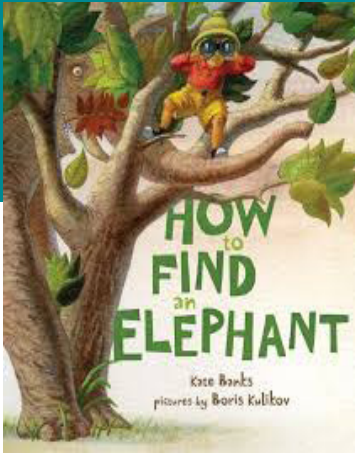
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Book Review

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Faced with lots of space but nothing to do, a boy makes his own adventure looking for elephants. As he sets out to explore, he gives the reader hints and tips on what supplies are needed for a safari and where to look for elephants based on his understanding. He finds some food and binoculars and a flute. He wanders through the jungle and stops for a swim. There is no end to his creativity or fun. Travel along on this imaginary safari and enjoy finding the elephants hiding on each page.

In this fun little adventure, brightly colored images conceal a rhino or an elephant on every page as this creative boy leads the reader from page to page. His advice comes in a very naive voice suitable for a child. He says things such as, “If you come to a house, knock on the door and politely say, ‘Has anyone seen an elephant?’ And if no one has, then go deeper into the jungle.” This voice creates the feeling of being a co-conspirator and ally in the search. It is very much like listening to a child tell a dinner-time story about their day. It is kind of random and all-over-the-place, but charming to hear. This is a great book for reading time.

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Rating

Outstanding

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