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# A Happy Hat

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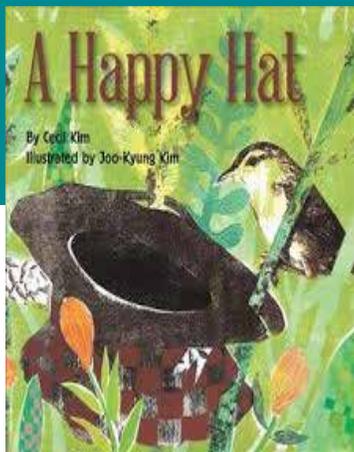
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## Book Review

### A Happy Hat

#### Author

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#### Illustrator

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#### Reviewer

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#### Rating

Excellent

#### Level

Primary

A hat reminisces about its creation and the ups and downs of being passed from owner to owner. When the hat is taken away by a stray dog, it finds itself alone in the woods. A mother bird finds the hat and builds a nest inside for her eggs. The hat provides shelter and warmth as the babies hatch and grow. As the birds fly away, the hat looks forward to future use and finds joy in helping others in different, and sometimes unconventional, ways. Readers will be inspired by this simple illustration of being positive amidst trying circumstances, feeling confident in one's own value, and finding joy in serving others.

Short, simple statements that are enriched by the hat's personal feelings and contemplation appropriately acknowledge that it is, after all, just a hat, while still providing emotional depth and insight that allow the reader to share in this story of belonging. The artwork and text together captivate readers and provide many opportunities for analysis and discussion about literature elements such as descriptive language, art mediums and personification. The book is a pleasure to read and the craft of the author and illustrator together create a beautiful tribute to the forgotten and worn-out goods of our childhood.

#### Pages

32

#### Year

2014

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