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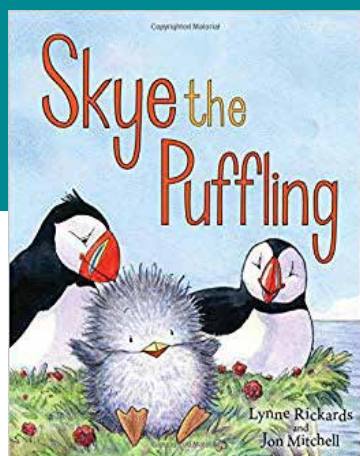
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Book Review

Skye the Puffling

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Rating

Excellent

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Primary

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Skye, the fluffy gray puffling, is born to adoring parents, who unfortunately are fast asleep one morning when she goes adventuring and falls onto the back of a gannet flying due south. Skye's parents search high and low for the little puffling; all the while, Skye is riding farther and farther from her home and her parents. Skye's situation becomes perilous when she falls into the ocean, but luckily her new gannet friend helps her out of the water and flies her to safety. Skye is soon reunited with her devoted parents and they spend the summer with the gannets until Skye's new feathers come in and she is able to fly on her own.

The story of Skye the puffling is beautifully illustrated and written in rhyming lines that create a pleasant rhythm and encourage reading aloud. One of the story's strengths is its portrayal of the relationships between characters. Skye's parents show extreme concern for her safety and do everything they can to find her. They are also portrayed as having an affectionate relationship with each other. And even though the gannet plays a part in her unwanted journey, Skye does not blame the bird but instead becomes friends with him. Skye also shows a lot of bravery for such a young creature. Despite finding herself in uncomfortable circumstances, Skye does not complain or cry for her parents; she simply tries to be tough and make the best of her circumstances. This story of a clumsy but brave little puffling and her loving parents is sure to appeal to parents and children alike.