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# Waiting

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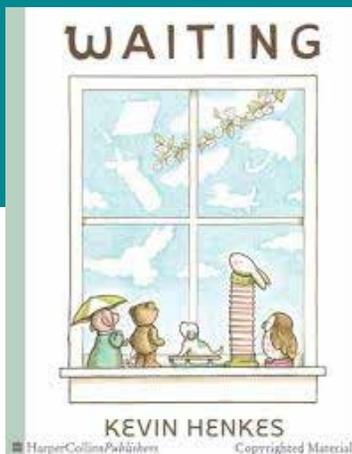
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## Book Review

### Waiting

#### Author

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#### Reviewer

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#### Rating

Outstanding

#### Level

Preschool

Five toys sit on a windowsill together, each waiting for different things. A dog on a sled is waiting for the snow. A teddy bear is waiting for the wind so he can fly his kite. When the things they're waiting for happen, the toys are happy. The rabbit toy isn't waiting for anything in particular but just enjoys waiting and watching the world with the others. They watch the seasons change and the celebration of holidays, like fireworks on the Fourth of July. They see storms and rainbows. New toys join them. One of the toys falls off and breaks. The last toy, a Russian doll cat, ends up making their number ten.

The illustrations in this book are composed of simple lines and colors, but the mood is consistent and light-hearted. The setting never changes, but the strength of this book lies in the power of subtle changes, such as making the rabbit stand out for not waiting for anything. The underlying philosophies in the story about being happy with where you are rather than waiting for something specific to make you happy is clear, but the moral is made softly, and it doesn't overpower the narrative. This is a mellow book. The story moves under the power of curiosity rather than humor or excitement.

#### Pages

28

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2015

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