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Book Review

Bob

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Rating

Outstanding

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Primary, Intermediate

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Olivia is staying at her Grandmother's home in Australia while her mother and the baby travel to see some of her Mom's old friends. Things seem strange when she comes into the house—it is not familiar at all. She feels pulled toward her old bedroom, especially the closet. When she opens the closet doors she finds Bob. Bob is green, wearing red feetie pajamas with chicken feathers taped all over. Poor Bob has been waiting for five years in the closet for Olivia to return and help him find where he is from and what he is. One by one they piece clues together until Bob can return home—and the rain can return to Gran's farm!

Completely charming! The friendship between Bob and Olivia is adorable. Bob is completely committed to her and has learned many things while hiding the closet, the most important is that he misses his friend. Olivia learns a little independence from her mother and a lot about her own past. Both Bob and Olivia learn that being a good friend isn't always easy, but that having friends is worth the trouble. The ending is perfect, the ties that bind are fully respected and the longing for the two friends to keep an attachment is fully satisfied, which often doesn't happen for two beings from such different worlds. This is a wonderful book, a sweet visit to the magical, and a lovely look at friendship.