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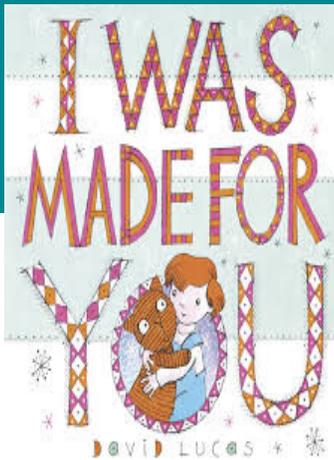
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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

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Cat just wants to know why he was made. But as soon as Daisy's mom finishes knitting him, she wraps him up tight and doesn't answer any questions. So Cat keeps wondering, eventually unwrapping himself and starting a quest to find out for himself. He passes through a door and into the snowy woods, asking everything he meets along the way what he was made for. Sadly, they can only know their own purposes. Finally Cat realizes that he must have been a gift for somebody! But Cat's quest left him unraveled and unable to move, so he can't go back home. Fortunately, the string of yarn trailing behind Cat leads Daisy and Mommy right to him. At long last, Mommy knits Cat back into himself and he confidently declares as he hugs young Daisy that he was made for her.

I Was Made for You combines a sweet and subtle message with an eye-catching color scheme. It relays the reassuring idea that everything has its own purpose, whether it be an anthropomorphic cat doll or the sweeping, intangible wind. The simple plot is accompanied by charmingly simple hand-drawn illustrations in primarily vibrant orange, hot pink, and pale blue. The characters have pleasant expressions that are easy to read and convey a sense of warmth and light. The illustrations also contain a great number of simple yet eye-catching patterns, which add visual interest to each page and are sure to draw children's attention. The book's love-filled, sugary-sweet ending would serve the purposes of pre-bedtime read-aloud very nicely due to the calming feeling of belonging it produces. If this book has a fault, it is that the plot is a bit sleepy, making it likely unhelpful for large group scenarios, and since much of the visual engagement comes from the patterns often subtly incorporated into larger pieces of scenery or objects, fairly close range is essential for full enjoyment of the book.