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Book Review

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Rating

Excellent

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Hank is hired to take care of the neighborhood deer when his friend leaves town. There is an early snow storm in October, and despite the cold weather, Hank feeds the deer with care. Each night he puts a bowl of apples and nuts out on the lawn. Eventually, he begins to wonder if the deer are eating the food he leaves out for them. However, there is no sign of the deer. Hank enjoys trick-or-treating with his friends and the next day, he is determined to spot a deer. He waits in the cold, then he waits by the window in the house—he just keeps waiting. Finally, all the waiting pays off as Hank meets Fawn the very small deer.

Hank the Pet Sitter is a charming series about a boy named Hank that pet sits for friends and neighbors. This book is appropriate for primary-age children. The book is divided into four short chapters. Each page has a nice balance of text and images with one to two paragraphs per page. Children that love animals are sure to enjoy this book. Themes of friendship and working hard are present in the story as Hank helps care for his friend's deer. The story itself is a bit slow moving because Hank does not meet the deer until the last chapter, and interaction with the deer is minimal. Overall, it is a precious story with vivid illustrations.