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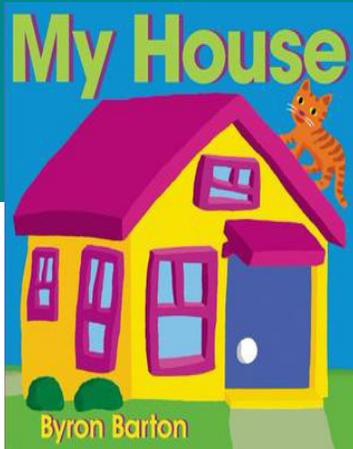
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Book Review

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Rating

Outstanding

Level

Toddler, Preschool,
Primary

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40

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Jim, a cute orange cat, is more than happy to take you on a tour of his house. Starting from the outside, he introduces readers to the house's roof, windows, and doors. Then he goes inside and continues. "This is my living room," he says while sitting comfortably in a rocking chair. "This is my kitchen," he narrates, knocking a mug off the counter in the process. Readers then follow him upstairs to see the bedroom and bathroom. Soon, Jim's owner, Jane, comes home and makes him dinner. As the tour ends, Jim returns to his tree outside and declares, "I like my house. I like my tree. I like my home. Meow."

There are plenty of books about different colors, foods, animals, and so forth. But this book teaches readers about something just as important—parts of a house—and does it in a clear and entertaining way. The illustrations are simply wonderful, with fluorescent colors that take up the full span of each two-page spread and just enough detail to capture the mood and purpose of each room. Jim uses short, simple sentences for each part of the house, and the large bold text emphasizes the simplicity of the narration. Though Jim doesn't do much but walk around and tell the story, it's easy to enjoy his character because of how adorably he's illustrated and how happy he seems to be about his home. This charming book is a great choice for teaching young children about homes, helping them read, and entertaining readers of every level with its brilliant illustrations and charming feline narrator.