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Book Review

Fly Flies

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Rating

Outstanding

Level

Preschool, Primary

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Pages

30

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ISBN

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Publisher

Cicada Books Limited

Fly has flown a certain way her whole life. One day she meets a blackbird flying straight ahead. The bird insists it's the best way to fly, but Fly just can't do it no matter how hard she tries. A stork tells her she should wait for a gust of wind to guide her forward. Fly can't do that any better. She runs into starlings and a hawk, who also tell her to change the way she flies. When a butterfly stops her, Fly is fed up and yells that she likes the way she flies. Turns out, the butterfly doesn't think there's anything wrong with Fly's flying. In fact, they fly the same way. Fly decides there's no right way to fly, but it's definitely nice to find someone who flies like you.

Fly is a cute character with personality, and the original story line moves smoothly to a happy and hopeful ending. Illustrated in with black, white, and dashes of yellow, the minimalistic design of this book is unique and eye catching. The simply drawn animals convey amusing emotion. The words fit nicely within the design, giving the book a pleasing overall effect. The book's target audience is children ages 3 to 8, but the illustrations and dialogue contain humor to entertain children of all ages. This book shows children they can be themselves, even if they feel alone.