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Book Review

Starcrossed

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Preschool

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64

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Clarion Books

Eridani is made of blood and bones, but her best friend, Acamar, is made of space and stars. Eridani waits every night for Acamar to appear in the stars, and the two good friends walk home together. While they can't touch each other, they can talk and laugh. One night, Acamar asks what a sunset is like. Then Eridani asks what it's like to fly. Both soon know that the other will never get to experience these things. Realizing this somber truth and finding themselves even sadder that they must live apart, the friends comes up with a hopeful idea, and soon, wishing on the stars changes the pair's fate.

This is a beautifully unique picture book is based off two stars that make up Acamar. These two binary stars in the constellation Eridanus orbit each other, never touching, creating one bright light. From this foundation, the story elegiacally centers around the characters Eridani and Acamar never being quite able to reach each other. This book is easily appreciated for its poetic value. However, since the storyline isn't very enthralling and the unfairness is never resolved, young children may be a little lost. Nonetheless, the book's mesmerizing watercolor illustrations that give the work a distinctive and magical style and the enchanting idea of a friend made of stars may be enough to win over the hearts of young readers.