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Teenie Bird and How She Learned to Fly

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Reviewer: Devi Chitrapu  
Reading Level: Preschool; Primary  
Rating: Excellent  
Genre: Fiction; Picture book  
Subject: Birds--Fiction; Flight--Fiction; Fear--Fiction; Books--Reviews

Bosschaert’s first book, *Teenie Bird and How She Learned to Fly,* is based on her personal observation of a blackbird family in her garden. A newborn blackbird inspired this first person narrative—the little blackbird, who is white in color, is the narrator.

The little blackbird compares herself with her mothers and brothers and finds herself different from them in many respects. Though she is born in the blackbird’s family, she is white. She is also quite small compared to her big brothers and mother. Being big, her brothers are strong and anxious to fly and find their food. But the teenie white bird fears flying and likes to be fed by her mother all the time. She finds home and her mother’s presence safe and secure. Timid as she is, she wishes to stay inside her warm and safe nest forever.

*Teenie Bird* is a small book written in easy language. This short but sweet story has a clear character-building message for children. It inspires young children to learn their way into the wide world and become independent. The drawings are so clear they can tell the story to young children who have not yet learned to read.