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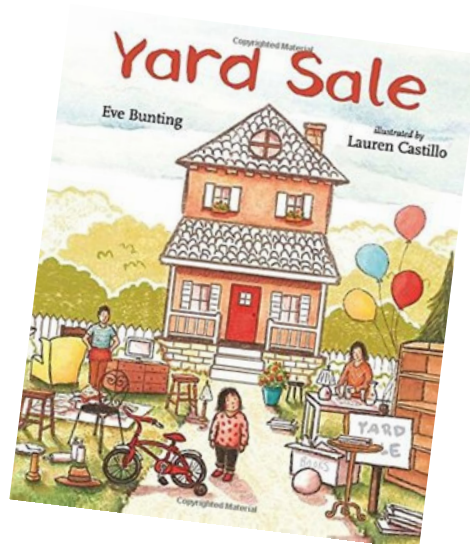
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Book Review

Title: Yard Sale
Author: Eve Bunting
Reviewer: Kristie Hinckley
Illustrator: Lauren Castillo
Publisher: Candlewick Press
Publication Year: 2015
ISBN: 9780763665425
Number of Pages: 29
Interest Level: Preschool, Primary
Rating: Excellent



Review

A little girl is becoming aware that changes are coming in her little world. Her family is moving to a new smaller home and they are having a yard sale in order to sell their things. She is torn when someone buys her bike and her bed frame. Her parents have tried to adequately prepare her for this day, but it's hard for kids to adjust to change sometimes. Even her neighbor friend is sad to see her go. They are not alone; it's emotionally difficult for her parents too. The little girl can't handle it any longer when a woman sweetly asks if she is for sale. Her parents would never sell her, even for a trillion dollars. They have each other, and that's enough.

Yard Sale is enjoyable for all readers, but would especially be appropriate for young children who are about to make a big move or change in their lives. The illustrations by Lauren Castillo, are beautifully done with crayon and watercolors. Children who can't read yet would still enjoy the illustrations and understand the story. Children will see that change can be hard, but family can support us through hard things. Just like their old house is represented in a small cross stitch on the wall of their new house, we will always have sweet memories of the past that will never fade.