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Stuck



Synopsis

From the illustrator of the #1 smash *The Day the Crayons Quit* comes another bestseller--a giggle-inducing tale of everything tossed, thrown, and hurled in order to free a kite! When Floyd's kite gets stuck in a tree, he's determined to get it out. But how? Well, by knocking it down with his shoe, of course. But strangely enough, it too gets stuck. And the only logical course of action . . . is to throw his other shoe. Only now it's stuck! Surely there must be something he can use to get his kite unstuck. An orangutan? A boat? His front door? Yes, yes, and yes. And that's only the beginning. *Stuck* is Oliver Jeffers' most absurdly funny story since *The Incredible Book-Eating Boy*. Childlike in concept and vibrantly illustrated as only Oliver Jeffers could, here is a picture book worth rescuing from any tree.

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

I like all of Jeffers' books: all lovely and whimsical. This, though, is his best, in my opinion. It is absurd in a way that kids (even tinies like my 2.5 year old) and adults alike find funny, with a particularly amusing (and plausible even in the circumstances!) ending. I have already bought several copies for friends' kids.

I've already read a couple Oliver Jeffers books, but this one is my favorite by far. Basically, Floyd's

kite gets stuck in the tree, and he throws various items up to try to get it down. I got it for my cousin's kids (4 and 7), but my cousin and I were cracking up reading it! Here's a link to Oliver Jeffers reading it:[...]

Oliver Jeffers does an amazing job with *Stuck*. My almost 4 year old son was laughing so hard and then had me read it several more times. That is a good thing. As the title states, we were "stuck" in laughter!. It is an oversized book with amazing illustrations and because of its size, a nice book to read to a group for story time. This book is refreshing and helps children creatively think about things in a new way. It also adheres to the young child's developmental sense of self in the end. Highly recommend for an entertaining read at bedtime or with your story time group.

I gave this to my 2.5 year old for Christmas and she thinks its hilarious. I disagree with other reviewers that this would encourage children to throw children into trees... I ask my little girl "would you ever throw a cat/whale/house into a tree?" "And she says "NO, that's SILLY!"

I read all the reviews on this book before purchasing, there were lots of mixed ones about the type of font and how the book ends. Let me just say, this book is pure fun. It is not trying to teach your child a lesson or be educational in any way. It is trying to get giggles and smiles out of your child, and in that way is a HUGE success! My child LOVES this book. When we first got it he only called it "stuck" and now he says, "stuck in tree book, pleaaasse" So, I cannot recommend it any more highly than that. Except to say, I loved it so much I went out and bought other Oliver Jeffers books, like "How to catch a star" which is also a huge hit with my 3 year old.

I was ordering some books for use in my preschool classroom and *Stuck* came up as a book with good recommendations. I was spending off a gift certificate and after some research decided to order it on an impulse as a treat to myself. It is a nice quality book, simple matte illustrations, and aesthetically pleasing. The font is part cursive/ part print and is a bit difficult for my seven year old daughter to read which is unfortunate for motivated readers and my preschool students who might want to find familiar letters or words in the text. The story was cute and pretty imaginative- just missing a real hook to keep me laughing. It's the end of the school year so I no longer have classes full of children to read to, maybe I'll have a different opinion about this book after I have a receptive audience. I'll add to this review in the fall if this is the case, but as a teacher of 25 years this book doesn't live up to some of the other read-a-loud books that I work with on a regular

basis. **Update After reading this book to groups of children from pre-k to third grade I have decided that this is a very funny read-out-loud book indeed. One class of students were inspired to create their own "Stuck" story and we ended up making a huge "Stuck" tree in our classroom and hanging drawings of our "Stuck" items from it. It's always a fun book to bring out with a new group, the laughing starts on the third page and just gets louder until the surprise ending! The font remained a bit of an issue for early reading preschoolers, it just wasn't similar enough for most of them to decode- but it wasn't generally an issue since the book is such a great group time read.

In a nutshell: Floyd's kite gets stuck in a tree. He throws his shoe up to try and dislodge it, only to exacerbate his problem. He begins throwing household items into the tree and then households and then more and more crazy and absurd things until finally he has a tree full of firemen and whales. In the end, his kite falls out and he nonchalantly goes to bed with a nagging feeling that he's forgetting something. Overall it gets great giggles. The illustrations are engaging and it can be the jumping off point for all sorts of conversations. Families can talk about: What would you do if your kite got stuck in a tree? How many ways can you brainstorm to get a kite out of a tree? When should he have stopped to rethink his approach? At what point do you think it's unrealistic that Floyd could throw those things? What does unrealistic mean? What kind of steroids do you think Floyd might be taking? Is it a good idea to throw a whale? How will he breathe? How safe is it to throw a saw? What's a unibrow? And the question we've all been dying to ask: How does Floyd wear shoes when he doesn't have feet?

There are so many things I want to draw and stick in a tree - what a fun story! Oliver Jeffers gave not only a good laugh, but a great creative brainstorming tool when he published this book. When I read this to a group of children, they leaned in so close I had to readjust seating several times, and promised they could all look at the book when I was finished reading it. They were wrapped up in the story and the silliness. It's made everyone laugh along. The ending is a surprise I won't ruin. I think Jeffers captures the way a child thinks in a flawed logic kind of way, yet repeats the same actions even though it only adds to the mess. What makes the book so charming is that there is no adult adjusting the logic or interfering with the actions, we all get to see what happens.

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