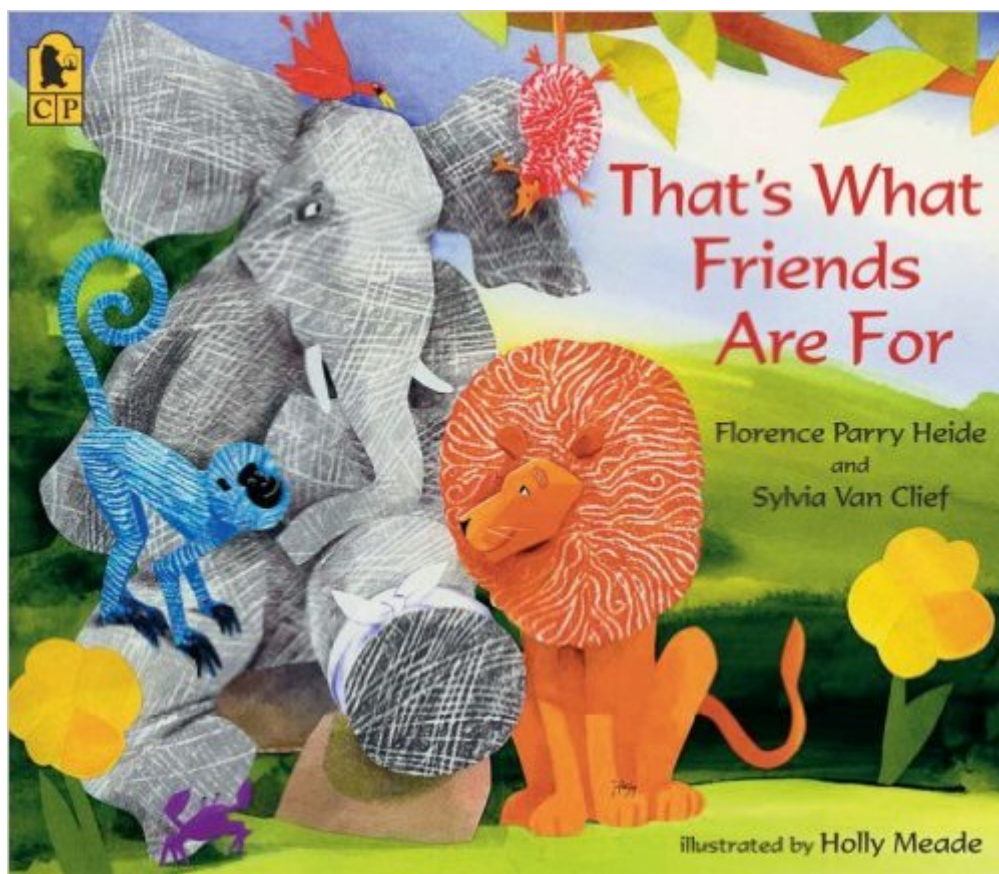


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# That's What Friends Are For



## Synopsis

"Kids will take comfort in this endearing and enduring tale of friends helping friends."   
BOOKLIST Theodore the elephant has hurt his leg and can't meet his cousin at the end of the forest. What a pity! Of course, all the other animals are more than willing to give him advice. After all, that's what friends are for, isn't it? Enhanced by Holly Meade's vivid collages, Florence Parry Heide's dry wit rings through this cumulative tale of a long-suffering elephant, his well-meaning friends, and a straight-talking opossum who shows them all what being a REAL friend means.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

This is one of my all time favorite children's books! This is a wonderful story about Theodore, an elephant, who has hurt his leg. He wants to meet his cousin at the end of the forest. "What can I do?" he asks his friends. One by one a bird, daddy longlegs, monkey, crab, lion, and opossum give him advice on how to solve his problem. There is a lot of repetition of phrases in the book which is fun for preschoolers and anyone who reads the book aloud. The colorful illustrations by Holly Meade make the book a joy to read. This is a fun book about friendship that is sure to become a favorite of everyone who reads it.

"That's What Friends Are For" is a picture book written by Florence Parry Heide and Sylvia Van

Clief, with illustrations by Holly Meade. In "That's What Friends Are For," an elephant named Theodore hurt his leg and can't walk. This is a big problem for him, as he was going to go meet his cousin, but he can't do that if he can't walk. He decides to ask his friends for help and his friends have plenty of ideas for help --- they give him advice! Whether or not any of this advice is helpful is another matter. For example, his friend who's a crab tells him that if his leg was hurt, he would cut it off and grow a new one. But Theodore can't grow a new leg. In the end, Theodore's friends discover the perfect way to help him. The illustrations are sweet and pleasing. The characters look kind of like stuffed animals. A compelling tale about friendship.

My forty year old copy was well-worn. The illustrations in this newer edition are charming and bright. The story remains as caring and helpful as ever--especially when helping little ones learn the message of friendship.

This book was one of my absolute favorite books as a child. I have such good memories of the simple illustrations and powerful message. These new, vibrant images are still true to the original and I love it even more. Beautiful story about true friendship and service that speaks to the good in all of us. Love it!

I have loved this book ever since I was a child! After years of searching for it for my own children I was ecstatic to finally find it was reprinted. My kids now love it & I have just ordered a few copies to give to family & friends.

This has been one of my most favorite books since I was a young person. I have used it to teach in church and in college. It carries such a wonderful and timeless lesson - the joy of service. A must for any collection.

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