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Peter and Paul are the best of friends, but when Peter gets lost in a terrible storm he can't find Paul anywhere. With the help of a big blue whale Puffin Peter set off to find him. They find all kinds of birds that match Peter's description but none of them is quite like Paul.

Puffin Peter Details

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From Reader Review Puffin Peter for online ebook

Ruth Heslop says

Read this book with an EYFS child. She was engaged the whole way through and it was a great learning opportunity for her to learn about different animals and their habitats. It also showed the power of friendship and the importance of helping each other out when someone is in need. A good read!

Cheryl says

I wish there were more than three cases of mistaken identity. But maybe if there were that would overwhelm the subtle point of the book, which is something about knowing the essence of a thing, instead of focusing on elements thereof. Nice story, didn't overly wow me.

Annie Cole says

Just stunning! And what a wonderful way to get young children started with identifying birds.

Deb says

This was the favorite of the books I read to Alena this afternoon. I love the illustrations. They are bright and happy. The story is good too. I would like to read more by this author.

Becky Sparkes says

This book is part of the reading challenge. It fits into the category 'a book written by a non UK author. The author Petr Horá?ek was born and grew up in Prague. This book is about 2 puffins who get separated and one of the puffins finds a whale who helps him look for his friend. As they are looking for his friend they come across lots of different birds eg penguins and parrots. Therefore this book would be good for teaching children about different types of birds and you could link this to a science lesson on habitats as you see where the different birds live.

This book therefore also fits the category of a book where an animal is the main character.

Jannah says

Two puffins, Peter & Paul (apparently Mary didn't get the Puffin Party invite) are separated from each other and their home during a nasty storm.

Upon regaining consciousness, a kindly whale offers to help Peter find his friend-except Peter is apparently

concussed and can only give snippets of description about Paul at a time, which leads to poor whale going on a wild goose (puffin?) chase of bringing Peter to wrong bird after wrong bird. Whale is able to amass all the information that Peter offers, but is at a loss until they happen to approach the puffins' islands and Paul finds THEM. The whale, after swimming all over from tropics to Antarctica, is understandably kind of miffed that Peter didn't bother to mention that, hey, Paul's a puffin like Peter. The exasperated whale drops them back off at home and washes his fins of the whole incident.

The story is much more child-friendly than the sort of snarky summary above and would be a good example of helping children learn about deductive reasoning and to wholly describe things rather than give pieces of information that may not be enough to make something accurately identifiable. Funny and noisy + black and white feathers + colorful beak + not a toucan (feels almost like a 20 questions?). The illustrations are nice, too.

Beth Pollard says

A heartwarming story of friendship and the lengths Peter the puffin will go to to be reunited with his friend Paul. Horá?ek adds a touch of humour as Paul's identity is mistaken for a variety of different birds with similar features. Really nice illustrations, full of texture and vibrancy!

Eva Lavrikova says

Notoricky známa knižka Petra Horá?ka o piate?stve, h?adaní a pomáhaní si. Milé ilustrácie, milý príbeh, pre danú vekovú kategóriu ve?mi príjemný po?in.

Katy says

Like the teaching info in this.

Orvokki says

Peter a Pavol sú najlepší kamaráti. Sú papuchalkovia a žijú spokojne na svojich malých ostrovoch, kde chytajú ryby a ve?a sa smejú. Pri jednej hre ale dôjde k ve?kej búrke, ktorá Petra odnesie ?aleko. Ostane sám, stratený na šírom mori.

Petra nájde ve?ryba a zis?uje, pre?o sa strati. Ke? jej Peter celú situáciu vysvetlí, ve?ryba sa rozhodne mu pomôc?. Pretože vie, kde Pavla, smiešneho a hlu?ného, ako ho Peter opísal, h?ada?. Spolu plávajú na ostrov, kde sú papagáje. Sú smiešne a robia rámus, ale nie je to Pavol. Pavol má ?ierne a biele krídla. Tak h?adajú znova a ?alej a opä? bezúspešne, pretože popis sice vždy sedí, ale nie je to Pavol.

Viac na orvokki.sk.

Gerry says

Peter and Paul, two puffins, are the best of friends and they spend their days happily fishing around their rocky island. And while doing so Paul always makes Peter laugh.

One day while they are out diving, a massive storm blows up, they get separated and Peter is lost.

When the storm is over Peter is floating on top of the sea and he wonders, 'Where am I?' and also 'Where is Paul?'

A passing whale spots Peter and asks him if he is lost. 'Yes,' answers Peter and tells the whale that he has also lost his best friend Paul.

Asking what Paul is like the whale learns that he is 'funny and noisy' and with that description he decides he knows where to look.

The whale carries Peter on his back to an island where the birds are funny and noisy but Peter says, 'Paul is not a parrot, Paul's feathers are black and white!'

Armed with the new information the whale sets off again and tells Peter he knows just where funny, noisy and black and white birds are. He tells Peter that it is cold at the place they are going to but when they arrive there the birds are as described but Peter has to say, 'Paul is not a penguin, Paul's beak is very colourful.'

Once again the whale transports Peter to another island to discover a funny, noisy, black and white with a colourful beak bird. This time Peter tells the helpful whale, 'Paul is not a toucan' and adds 'We are never going to find him.'

Peter is very sad and the whale is also a little disconsolate so they drift across the ocean. After a few days a very tiny island appears on the horizon but Peter is too sad to look. But the whale is alert and spots something in the sky and says, 'Look! What's that?'

It was a bird, black and white, with a colourful beak, funny and noisy ... and it was Paul!

Peter is overjoyed and the whale is also pleased albeit a little confused. 'So this is Paul,' he cries, 'Why didn't you tell me? Tell you what?' says Peter. The whale smiles and says, 'That he's a puffin, just like you!'

Peter Horá?ek has given us a lovely colourful tale with a happy ending and it is just so beautifully illustrated as well.

Frances Thompson says

We love this funny story with bright and bold illustrations!

RumBelle says

I love this story of a puffin's adventure to find his missing friend. He travels far and wide, and even makes a new friend, a blue whale. Heartwarming and thoroughly enjoyable.

E. says

Boekje dat me werd aangeraden voor kinderen die van Mama Kwijt houden. Pieter de papegaaiduiker is echter een stuk lastiger. Sowieso omdat Pieter en Pim niet uit elkaar te houden zijn, en daarnaast omdat de tekst het er niet makkelijk op maakt. Niet zo geschikt voor kinderen die net Nederlands leren, verder wel leuk :)

Beronica says

Storytime preschoolers. This is a sweet book about Puffin Peter who tries to find their best friend. With the help of a friendly Whale, they search high and low for the friend. This is a very good author and has the most interesting stories.
