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Bear wants to read and write and think. Goose wants to talk and talk and talk. Can Bear and Goose be friends? Suzanne Bloom's picture book says volumes about friendship with a few select words and charming illustrations in this Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor Book.

## **A Splendid Friend, Indeed Details**

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## **From Reader Review A Splendid Friend, Indeed for online ebook**

### **Lesly says**

Polar bear is doing his own thing, but goose wants to spend time with him. Goose keeps persisting about them playing together.

It won the Theodor Seuss Geisel Award in 2006.

This book talks about the importance of friendship. It shows how two people can be completely different can be good friends. This book is a great read aloud for the class with vibrant pictures to keep students engaged. This is a great book for an early emergent reader. The font size is big, and the words are easy to read. Teachers can use this book at the beginning of the year when students are new to the classroom and need help on making friends.

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### **Erin Chambers says**

This book has really big text for younger readers. It is also repetitive so it makes it easier to predict.

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### **Amy-Lynn says**

I read this in the library for the first time today (as a librarian, that is). I used to read this every year until my beautiful, signed copy was lost to asbestos in 2013. It had a personalized illustration that Bloom had done at a B&N event that I took the girls to when they were little. It was a favorite regular read aloud. It had a note that said, "To the Merrill Girls ~ May you always have books to hug!"

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### **Lucy B says**

A cute and simple story with pictures that fit along side. The book shows children that even if you don't like somebody at first, you shouldn't dismiss them straight away as you don't know how much you could grow to like them in the end.

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### **Olivia Slykhuis says**

Really cute story and illustrations. Sometimes our friends get on our nerves, but we really care about them deep down. A good book to talk about feelings or friendship. Not too much text. 2+

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## **Dolly says**

This is a simple tale, not so much of a story as a conversation. It's a fun book to read aloud, especially with the goose blathering on and on. The illustrations are fun, and the expressions are wonderful, especially on the bear. Our girls really enjoyed this book.

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## **Coral says**

My daughter liked it because she can read it all by herself; I liked it because the polar bear looks so fuzzy and cuddly.

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## **Fjóla says**

Wanted to read this one for a while, so much did I like the cover. Sweet story about friendship and understanding, illustrated in lovely, dreamy, textured pastels, blue, yet warm, the type you would want to frame and hang by your child's bed. There are follow ups to this books, in a series of titles about Goose and Bear, and if my son was younger (he's four, going on five) I would probably get all the titles without hesitation. A Splendid Friend, Indeed however, while probably aimed at toddlers/preschoolers can double as an early reader with its simple vocabulary, and yet it contains two of my favorite words of the English language: splendid and indeed! Goose and Bear are certainly an unlikely pair of friends, as different in temperament as they are, one eager, inquisitive, the other quiet and contemplative. This creates a tension right from the beginning, that definitely caught my young reader's attention. We loved the happy conclusion!

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## **Sarah Coles says**

'A Splendid Friend, Indeed' is a charming picture book that introduces children to the idea that individuals have different preferences and ideas but that difference does not have to be negative. The polar bear in the book likes to be in his own thoughts and think quietly, whereas the goose likes to chatter and share feelings. However, the book beautifully conveys that it is entirely possible for two people who are, or appear to be very different, to respect each other and share a friendship.

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## **Lillian Hazzard says**

This book has very entertaining illustrations and is a good example of maintaining friendships with people who may have very different interests than you. The color scheme of the book may cause the illustrations to seem slightly unclear from far away, so I would probably read it in small groups first and then again as a class.

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### **Bookishrealm says**

I read this book as a part of the picture book challenge I am participating in on my blog. One of the categories was to read a book that is a book about friensdhip so I decided to choose this book. If you're interested in the picture book categories I'll be reading from as part of the challenge be sure to check out the link here: [2017 Challenges](#)

This book was adorable! I think everyone can relate to that person that comes around and always asks you so many questions and can seem incredibly annoying, but they're only doing it because they love you and they really love being your friend. I definitely have been the duck in various situations, but I definitely have friends that represent the bear who after getting annoyed loves the duck just as much as the duck loves him.

The artwork was interesting because it was vibrant, but seemingly fuzzy at the same time. I know that probably doesn't make sense, but once you read it I think you'll understand where I'm coming from. I've never read anything by this author before, but if her other work is like this then I'm pretty sure I would enjoy it. If you're looking for a picture book that teaches children about friendship and caring then I would definitely recommend this book.

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### **Erin says**

I thought that the illustrations in this book are delightful. I read this for storytime today and while I'm not sure it was a great read aloud, the kids seemed to really enjoy it and we talked a lot about what it is to be a good friend and how saying something nice can really help change the way somebody is feeling.

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### **Mckinley says**

A hug is always nice but it doesn't erase annoying behavior.

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### **Beth Crownover says**

This was a very good book about friendship that is perfect to read to younger children, 3 years old to kindergarten. It is an easy read aloud and perfect for emphasizing friendship. The text is very short on each page with easy sentences that as kindergarteners learn to read they could potentially read this book for themselves. The illustrations are done in pastels, as said in the book, in the style of expressionism, as is very common in books for pre-schoolers because the emotions are expressed in the bright clear colors. The illustrations are very simple but give depth to the story because they express the emotions of the characters instead of the text. They go across the gutter and take up the entire page, but because they are simple they are easy for very young children to decipher what the characters are feeling. This book won the Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor.

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**Patricia McLaughlin says**

What a treasure! Simple story about friendship and individuality made even more enjoyable by Bloom's unique illustrations.

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