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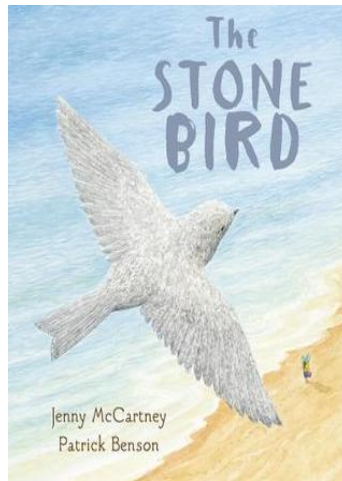
Review of *The Stone Bird*

Written by Jenny McCarthy & Illustrated by Patrick Benson

Adult/Educator Reviewer: Chu Lee

Parent Reviewer, Athens, GA

Student Reviewer: Sera Lee, 3rd grade



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Adult Review: Chu Lee

With its charming illustrations and a hint of meditative quietness, *The Stone Bird* (2017) invites readers into the imaginative realm of a child. The main character, Eliza, is a very inquisitive young girl. She finds a stone which resembles a small egg on the beach one day and decides to take it home to take care of it. In her eyes, this is not just a simple stone, but rather a real egg where a bird would hatch out of it eventually. One day that magic happens, and the stone becomes a bird even though no one around her seems to think so. But in the eyes of Eliza, the bird is so precious. And no one cannot take that away from her even if it is not real. There is nothing like a child's imagination where reality and fantasy are blurred.

Out of the three books that were presented to me, this book was the most appropriate for me and my daughter to relate to. She just loves collecting stones and animals so we thought it would be a perfect book to read together and share our thoughts and ideas. I think this book will appeal to kids who have great imagination who sometimes might have a hard time relating to adults. The illustrations and the textual components work hand-in-hand to give the reader a good sense of the narrative as well as what the child senses and imagines.

I believe the book teaches about perspectives from different points of view, as a child and as an adult. It is sometimes very difficult to relate to one another, and we must take our time to understand what a child sees and imagines. After all, we were a child once, but the child has not become an adult yet.

Student Review: Sera Lee

This book was amazing. I loved the detailed illustration of the first page and the cute stone birds. It was amazing to see how the stone Eliza found hatched and became a bird. I also love the character (Eliza) because she is just like me. She collects stones like me and loves the beach. My friends will like this book because they like stones and birds.