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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

PreS-Gr 1—Bear and Bunny became friends at the end of this pair's gentle whodunit *Bear in Love* (Candlewick, 2012), in which they learned about the reciprocity of friendship, and they remain inseparable in this iteration. Spending their days wandering and singing little ditties that add to the charm of the relationship, the two do not even recognize that they are of different species: "You see, the bear is sure that the bunny is a very small bear. The bunny is sure the bear is a very large bunny." The narrator says it would be too hard to explain, and it doesn't matter anyway. Whether this is an important global lesson on friendship or a statement about the animals' limited intelligence doesn't matter either. For the cliff-hanger in this story is the fate of a little frog adopted by the two...who believe he is a kitten. Hillenbrand's mixed-media illustrations are the real winners here, with a faded forest background creating a sense of place without distraction. Bear's and Bunny's gestures, expressions, and movements are simple yet full of humanity. A wonderful storytime addition and an opportunity for compare and contrast, perhaps with one of Bonny Becker's "Bear and Mouse" (Candlewick) books. VERDICT Recommended for most picture book collections.—Lisa Lehmuller, Paul Cuffee Maritime Charter School, Providence, RI

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It's hard to explain the charm of Pinkwater's quiet story in terms of its plot, since so much depends upon the well-chosen wording, pacing, and tone of the text. Hillenbrand's mixed-media artwork reflects that understated tone beautifully, while portraying the characters and settings with strength and delicacy. A satisfying choice for reading aloud.

—Booklist

Whimsical, pretty, and endearing.

—Kirkus Reviews

Pinkwater's meandering narrative mimes children's improvisational storytelling, and there are plenty of chuckles to be had over the misunderstandings of his none-too-bright characters.

—Publishers Weekly

Like Russell Hoban, Daniel Pinkwater has a way with words that is both humane and arch; it often feels as if he must be smiling as he writes. In "Bear and Bunny," a stand-alone sequel to 2012's "Bear in Love," Mr. Pinkwater again teams up with illustrator Will Hillenbrand for a beautifully paced, neatly written story of two forest friends and their somewhat confused ideas about the world.

—The Wall Street Journal

About the Author

Daniel Pinkwater is the author of many books for children, including *Bear in Love*, also illustrated by Will Hillenbrand, and a series of books about Mrs. Noodlekugel, illustrated by Adam Stower. Daniel Pinkwater lives in New York State.

Will Hillenbrand has written and illustrated dozens of books, including Daniel Pinkwater's *Bear in Love*,

Jane Yolen's *This Little Piggy*, Amy Ehrlich's *Baby Dragon*, and Phyllis Root's *Kiss the Cow!* He lives in Ohio.

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