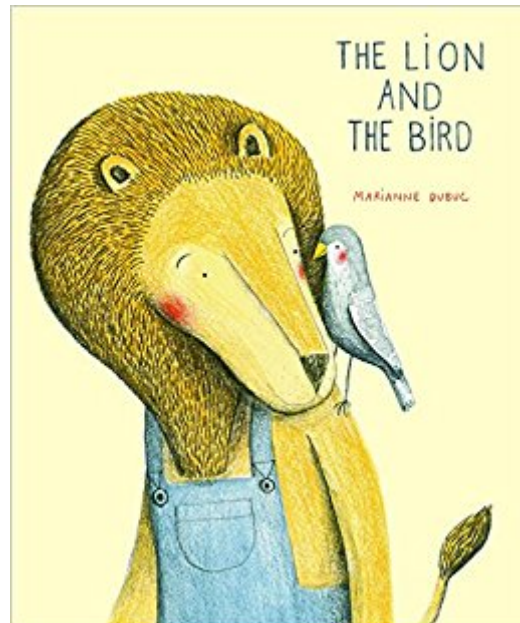




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# The Lion And The Bird



## Synopsis

Note: The blank pages are not a defect but part of the storytelling. The snow increases until all the animals can see is white. One autumn day, a lion finds a wounded bird in his garden. With the departure of the bird's flock, the lion decides that it's up to him to care for the bird. He does and the two become fast friends. Nevertheless, the bird departs with his flock the following autumn. What will become of Lion and what will become of their friendship? Marianne Dubuc received her degree in graphic design from the University of Quebec, Montreal. She has created many different kinds of books for readers of all ages. She is an internationally acclaimed illustrator whose work has been published by major publishers in fifteen countries.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

## Customer Reviews

K-Gr 3 **•** Spare text and eloquent artwork tenderly capture the true heart of friendship. It's autumn, and Lion is working in his garden when he discovers an injured bird and bandages its wing. The two watch quietly as the bird's flock fades away into the slate-colored sky. "Don't worry," says Lion and offers his visitor shelter at his cozy home. A wordless spread shows the new friends sharing a meal, sitting in front of a roaring fire, and soundly sleeping (Lion in his bed, the bird nestled in his host's slipper). Snow falls, outdoor activities are enjoyed, and winter passes in contented companionship. Spring arrives **•** along with the flock **•** and Lion, sad but

empathetic, bids his friend farewell. "Sometimes life is like that." The earlier illustration is re-created, and the bird's absence and Lion's loneliness speak louder than words. Summer sails by, and when fall returns, Lion, looking at sky, wonders, "And how about you?" Just when he gives up hope, he receives a joyful surprise. Dubuc's charming, pastel-hued illustrations convey gentle humor and genuine feeling. The story's measured pacing allows readers to discover and relish each emotional nuance. A lovely choice to share and savor. --Joy Fleishhacker, School Library Journal

**\*Starred Review\*** The intimacy of friendship, as well as the bittersweet sweep of time, is exquisitely rendered in this spare story of a kindly lion who rescues an injured bird flying south for winter. Many of the spreads are wordless, with the story being told through the mere depiction of a very few details: a home isolated in a snowstorm, a crocus popping up from a white bank, or Lion looking small on a bare page after Bird recovers and joins his old flock as it passes by again in spring. Just as with the seasons though, things that are gone return, and when Bird's single note pierces an otherwise blank page, the signal is clear. Just as they did when Bird recovered, the duo are sure to spend a warm time together by Lion's fire or in fun activities like sledding and ice fishing. The charming depiction of Lion's home will delight sharp-eyed children, and the gentle pace of the story, which takes its time as surely as the plants in Lion's garden take their time to grow, is reassuring. A much needed antidote to the speed of the world, this picture book by French Canadian Dubuc is one to savor. Preschool-Kindergarten. --Karen Cruze

What makes this book work so well? The very simple story? The gentle kindliness of the pictures? You enter a world with it - a quiet world entirely focused on two characters. Is it the story's marvelous pacing? The imaginative drawing? The balanced, quiet colors and textures? Its complete understatement? Its suspense? Friendship can be a particular domain of children, particularly within the wider world of time and change, and that's where this book goes. A child will resonate. But so did I. It's really a perfect book - a book for many cultures and ages.

Excellent book, one of my favorite children's books. The story is deep and explores many themes that children can grasp: loneliness, loss, friendship, pain and recovery, hope. The passage of time and the seasons are depicted nicely. The very subtle illustrations depict the character's emotions without the need for words. Showing not telling. The words and pictures are sparse yet powerful. There is a scene where the bird tweets upon its return, that scene nearly brings me to tears each time I read it for my son. Marianne is becoming by far my favorite young children's author; her art is

entertaining and meaningful for children and subtly poignant for adults.

My daughter loves this book. It's a touching story of friendship. Definitely worth the price for the hardback. This will be one of those books you'll keep forever. The illustrations are very well done. Actually, I love this book. I'm always pleased when my daughter picks this book from the shelf. Great for nightly story time.

This is such a lovely story. My boyfriend and I are in a long distance relationship so this book is quite special to us. This version is the best translation I've seen. My bf bought another copy from another website and a few of the translations were different, to his disappointment (I believe he bought the New Zealand version). I recommend this book to anyone, whether child or adult, it's a beautiful story of love.

I fell in love with this book at the City Lights bookstore in San Francisco. It has very beautiful illustrations and simple text, very reflective of the mood of the story, which is peaceful, calm, and also "mindful" and "meditative" in a way. I read this to my classroom of three year olds and they thoroughly enjoyed the story and the pictures.

This is probably one of my favorite children's books and the fact that I have to read it to my daughter every night can attest to the beauty that is this book. The lion and the bird is a fantastic book that a parent can use to explain to a child about loneliness, a beautiful friendship and simply the way things are sometimes. Not to mention the changing seasons. The illustrations are lovely and overall this is a gem of a book.

My granddaughter's favorite book, this always the first book she pick to read before bedtime whenever she is visiting. We must have read it over 20+ times !!!

what a thoughtful book with deep meaning, we loved it.

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