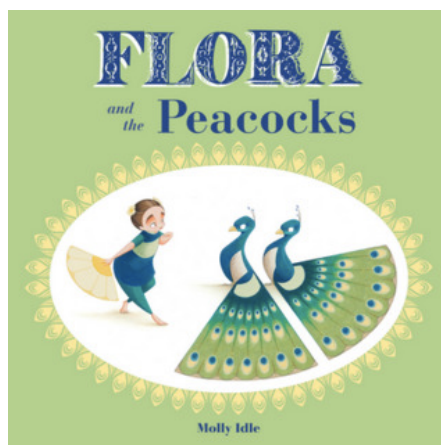




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The darling, dancing Flora is back, and this time she's found two new friends: a pair of peacocks! But amidst the fanning feathers and mirrored movements, Flora realizes that the push and pull between three friends can be a delicate dance. Will this trio find a way to get back in step? In the third book featuring Flora and her feathered friends, Molly Idle's gorgeous art combines with clever flaps to reveal that no matter the challenges, true friends will always find a way to dance, leap, and soar—together.

Flora and the Peacocks Details

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Cheryl says

I feel like I must be missing something. The images under the flaps are simple and mostly repetitive. The plot could be told completely in one sentence. The art is fine, though probably better appreciated by dancers and artists than by regular folks like me. I see no characterization. No setting - just white space. Slow pace...

(I'm going through 'elements of a story' and just not finding anything really good to say.)

My first Flora and probably my last. Not every book is for every reader. :shrug:

Mary says

Molly Idle has three Flora books: *Flora and the Penguin*, *Flora and the Flamingo*, and, finally, this beautifully illustrated book with interactive flaps. Each *Flora* book is wordless, which allows readers to make up their own stories, using the colorful pictures to guide young imaginations. This is my first Flora book and it's pretty as a peacock. Once again, I purchased this adorable picture book for my granddaughter, hoping to share my love of reading and fill her bookshelves with fun and inviting stories she'll love and want to read over and over. The illustrations are bright and sweet. Every little girl will fall in love with Flora and her friends. I'm a big girl and simply adore this book. I'll be adding the other Flora books, too.

Pam ?Because Someone Must Be a Thorn? Tee says

Wordless!

I love wordless picture books. My kids and I always had fun with them. We'd make up stories based on the images and usually ended up laughing and giggling because, by nature, we're pretty silly.

Silliness aside, the serious part of my mom-being -- the side that relishes edu-tainment-- appreciates that this act of shared creation teaches kids a good deal about the power of words, sentences and composing. It's a unique opportunity for reinventing a world. You only have to focus on different objects in the artwork to take the story in a new direction.

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FLORA AND THE PEACOCKS

As you can imagine I was delighted to discover that FLORA AND THE PEACOCKS was wordless. (Yes, I was ignorant of Molly Idle's work. Yes, I am remedying this situation but I have to wait for my turn to come up at the library)

I was completely surprised that this big, over-sized hardback had Flaps!
(I'm a fan of flaps too.)

THE STORY

How can I tell you the story? My story certainly won't be exactly what you see in the pictures. But I will tell

you that Flora is with two beautiful blue and green peacocks and that there is some serious attitude being displayed. At least that's what I see. And the flaps that are there work as fans and tail feathers and....

I'll also share that there is a HUGE kid-friendly fold-out at the end of the book. (My young sample audience from next door squealed! when they saw it.)

THOUGHTS

This book grew on me as we explored the potential there was for making up stories. The artwork is clean and colorful and the HUGE fold-out at the end is a big hit with little ones.

Now speaking of little ones, and less little ones, one thing you should know is that the flaps in this book are made of normal paper. They are not like the flaps you find in those small sturdy little board books. So I would put this book up and out of reach of children who are still too young to turn pages without ripping them. Or children like my Destroyer who found the attachment of the flaps somehow offensive.

Enjoy.

~review copy

Kaethe says

I will never tire of these beautiful, clever books. Fortunately, there are many, many birds. Now I've amused myself with the idea of a parody book "Flora and the Birds" by Alfred Hitchcock. Which leads to the recognition that no one names their child Alfred anymore, and that's how I know the world is becoming a better place.

Molly Idle: making the world a better place by random association and gorgeous books.

Library copy

Franki Sibberson says

This might be my favorite of the 3 Flora books:-)

David Schaafsma says

Each year I and my family read and rate all the Goodreads picture book nominees. This one is nominated for 2016. I make a few comments and then add their separate ratings and a comment. There's 15 and this is the fifth being rated. My rating might be somewhat influenced by the family, naturally. In this case, it was influenced a lot.

Silent/wordless book, the third Flora book in a series, and my favorite, which is to say 4 stars, with sumptuous, crisp, vibrant colors and an okay story of three friends, Flora mediating a conflict between the two peacocks. A flap book, so awesome for little ones. And I like silent comics and picturebooks, Hank!

Tara (my wife): 2 stars. Eh.

Harry (11): 3 stars. I liked the peacocks "saying" sorry when they ripped Flora's fan.

Hank (10): 1 1/2 stars. I prefer words.

Lyra (9): 4 1/2 stars. Actual feather flaps! [to be fair, Lyra is closest to the target age of this book, which would be babies and early el]

Holly Mueller says

How does Molly Idle keep doing this?! Another wonderful Flora book!

Edie says

Yeah, Flora is back and this time, three dimensionally. The movement that is always present in Molly Idle's books about this determined dancer now includes flaps and a wondrous pop-up that will take your breath away. Lush greens in many hues adds to the feel good nature of this book. Lots of emotion, Flora's delight, respect in her new dance partners soon changes as they do not behave well (true to their peacock nature). But there is empathy, kindness and joy. Wordless picture books always leave lots of room for the readers' words and this one, with the evocative as well as lush illustrations leaves plenty of opportunity for discussion as well as joy. Lovely to have another Flora.

Audra (Unabridged Chick) says

We're huge Flora fans in our house, and this might be our favorite one yet. As always, the art is stunning, and the foldouts enhance the story. Flora accidentally tweaks some jealousy between two peacocks, and in the end, her fan gets torn. (My son was captivated and obsessed with this plotline. Lots of "he mad!" and "she sad!" and "oh, no!" with every read.) The final page, when Flora and the peacocks resolve their problem, with the huuuuuuuge fold out, is just breathtaking.

KC says

Flora squares off with two rival peacocks in a dance that resembles a flamenco. This stunning flip the page no text beauty is charming with a lovely message.

Mary Ann says

Flora dances with two elegant, proud peacocks in this wordless picture book--navigating a balance between friendship with three. When one peacock starts dancing with her, the other feels left out--sound familiar? The illustrations depict the full range of emotions, letting children tell the story in their own words.

Alyson (Kid Lit Frenzy) says

I love Molly's previous Flora books but this one is probably my favorite. Beautifully done.

Mary says

Wordless book continuing Flora's beautiful dances with birds.

Jillian Heise says

Love! I adore each of Molly Idle's wordless Flora stories, and as much as I loved Flamingo and Penguin, I think Peacocks is my favorite. Flora had a bit more of a story in this one with the two peacocks she interacts with.

Calista says

Even though this book does not have words it still tells a story of flora and her fan dance with a couple of peacocks. Even children can see the play between the peacocks and flora and can understand jealousy and other emotions.

The art work her is stunning and beautiful. I love the peacock feathers. It is a simple story told with fold outs. The wonder is in the simplicity. Observing my kids, children can really appreciate simplicity, from hours of play with a card board box to a story of a girl trying to make friends with 2 peacocks. Simplicity.

My nephew loves, is crazy about fold outs. He was agog over this little book. He can be rough, but he has never hurt a foldout before. My niece enjoyed this book because she thought it was pretty and fun. I too enjoyed this book. It delighted me and then I was delighted to see there were 2 others similar to this. I will try them out.
