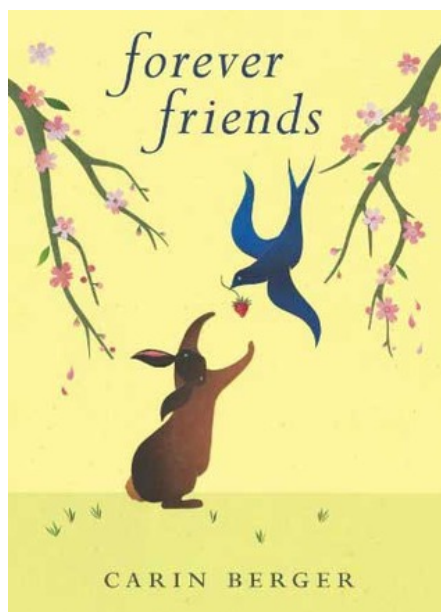




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Seasons come, seasons go. But a little brown bunny and a graceful blue bird discover that friendship, true friendship, lasts forever.

Forever Friends Details

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Kelly says

The book is about friendship. What I liked the most about it is that it uses very few words but gets the point across easily. Nice illustrations.

Violet Lewis says

Forever friends is an excellent book about friendship. It teaches many concepts including, patience and how people that are different can still be friends. This book can also be used to teach children about the months of the year and seasons as well as position words. Forever friends can also be used to teach children about different animal habitats.

Learning activity: LD5j Children will identify information and events to real-life experiences.

I will have the children choose a partner/friend that they usually do not play with and have them be buddies throughout the course of the day. At the end of the day during circle time, ask the children to describe what they did with that friend and name one thing they liked about that friend. Chart the childrens' responses.

Madeline Natzke says

I absolutely fell in love with this book when I read it. A bunny and a bird become best friends. When the seasons change, they have to drift apart. At the very end they reunite. (Hint: Forever Friends) This is a great book to talk to your class about friendship. I could also use this book to discuss the seasons and how they change.

Extension: Read the book outside to your class. Discuss the current weather. Have them talk about what season it is now, and what comes next.

Erin says

I'm a sucker for a sweet animal friends story. I love the illustrations too, they are bold and effective.

Jess Brown says

Carin Berger's *Forever Friends* is absolutely adorable! The text is nice and simple, but what's most impressive are the illustrations made from cut paper using old catalogs, books, receipts, letters, and ticket stubs (according to the write-up about Berger). You can see pops of odd bits here and there throughout the book. What struck me was how sad the bunny truly was when the bird went away for winter. I can see a lot of usefulness for teachers. The book nicely shows friendship, the seasons changing, and what happens to birds in the winter--all on a very basic level. Probably best for preschoolers.

Kathryn says

This is the story of the little blue bird and the little brown bunny and how they became best friends one spring. All through the spring, summer and fall they played together. But when winter comes, the bird has to fly south. The bird and bunny miss one another--but come spring, bird returns and he and bunny remain forever friends.

The story itself is nothing original either in concept or telling, but the illustrations are stars! Carin Berger does amazing things with her cut-paper collages. I wish I had her skills and maybe my recycle bin would be a little less full and my walls a little less bare ;-)

This is a spring-time, cheerful story definitely recommended to fans of Berger's autumnal, philosophical *The Little Yellow Leaf*

Sara says

The text isn't mind-blowing, but I always like to have my third story time book for preschool be one that's kind of short and sweet. This one fits the bill -- cute story about remaining friends even though one is far away -- but the art is SO LOVELY and simple. I am becoming quite a fan of simple, clear paper-cut art for story time, and I love that some of the paper retains the words from the paper's original use. I'll try it out and see how it goes :)

Karina says

In the book "Forever Friends" a little blue bird and bunny become the best of friends after meeting one day. They enjoy spending every day together playing and laughing until the bird has to go and fly south when winter is near. The friendship between the two animals is put to the test as the seasons go by. Finally, springtime comes again and the bird returns to his best friend. This book has great illustrations and an easy-to-follow story with strong vocabulary. Readers can learn about seasonal changes and friendship as they read this book.

Casey Anderson says

This is a wonderful book to teach children about friendship. It shows children that even though the bird and the bunny were different, they could still be close friends. It would also be a good book for children who may have to change schools and leave behind a good friend, by showing them that they may see their friend again.

Activity extension: Instruct children that for a day they will find a "buddy" that they wouldn't usually be friends with, and they would be with their buddy all day including reading time, recess, lunch, etc. They should tell each other all about themselves (favorite color, favorite food, favorite animal, etc.) At the end of the day each child will share 1 thing that they learned about their buddy.

Linda says

Carin Berger's collages in this book will fill anyone with pleasure. It's an almost wordless picture book showing the joy of friendship between a bluebird and a bunny throughout a year, and the sadness when the bluebird has to leave for a while, to migrate south. Each page is a wonder, but I'd love to see the original of the double page spread for summer play, joyful and full of fireflies! I imagine sharing this with young students and seeing if they can find their own story to tell through pictures.

Lydia says

Forever Friends by Carin Berger is about the seasons. I love how the book is illustrated because it's a unique artistic method of illustrating. There's a lot combination of different types of materials, creating a collage.

I believe this book could be used to integrate arts in the classroom. Students could use classroom materials to make a collage just like how this book was made.

Kelly says

picture book with a really beautiful collage format with found materials (definitely part of a j crew catalog) that is visually engaging with a simple and sweet story. a bunny and bird become friends and have to deal with separation and loneliness when the bird flies south for winter, but don't worry, happy ending.

great use of line to convey time and movement and color for mirroring mood/emotion.

KC says

Bluebird and Rabbit are best friends but when winter approaches, Bluebird must migrate south and rabbit finds himself alone.

Angie Munoz says

Great book to teach children about friendship. Nice illustrations!

Holly says

My favorite picture book of the year so far. This simple, sweet story about two friends who have to separate (the bird has to fly south in the winter, and promises the bunny she'll be back in the spring) put a lump in my

throat. The collage effect of the illustrations is unique (using bits of advertising and other printed paper to make foliage, or the edge of a hollowed-out log, for example). And the body language of the bunny and bird when they are apart just kills me--e.g., the bunny hunched over in the woods, looking like maybe he's wiping a tear, and then the bird on the next spread looking over her shoulder, with the words "The bird missed the bunny, too" above her. Anyway, it has a lovely ending, of course! I can already tell I'll be gunning for this to win the Caldecott.
