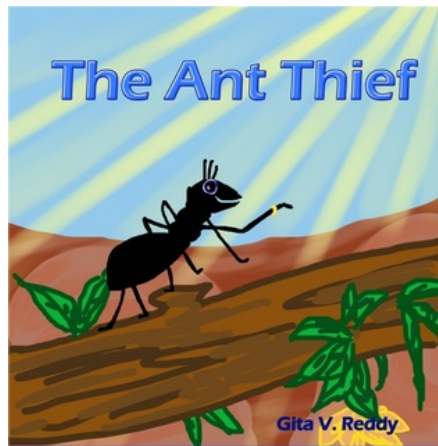




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Noira the Ant wears a diamond ring and tells everyone a king gifted it to her for bravery. She becomes famous as the Great Traveller Ant. But the truth is something different. Noira is a thief. Will the other ants learn the truth? What will Noira do if they find out?

The Ant Thief is a Read Aloud bed time story kids will enjoy. It is also suitable for children starting to discover books and stories.

Ages 3-7

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N B says

I received a free copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

I loved this story! From the very beginning, you can tell that Noira is a little different than the other ants. For one thing, she has blue eyes. I've never seen an ant with blue eyes before, and for some reason, they fascinated me. Noira loves to run and play and even exercise, but she doesn't like to work. So instead of finding her own food, she steals from the other ants. She shows the other ants a gold ring which she stole, and tells the other ants it was a gift from a king. They are all impressed with her and leave her alone, begging her to help them find the thief taking their food. They don't know it's her. Noira loves honey, so then she starts stealing honey from the bees. A few things go wrong for Noira. In the end she learns that it is wrong to steal, and also wrong to lie.

The pictures in this book are adorable. They are very bright with a lot of descriptive expressions on Noira's face. Even though Noira is a naughty ant, I couldn't help but like her because she's so cute and clever. And I like that Noira learned her lesson at the end of the book. The story was interesting and detailed, without going overboard by being preachy.

I would definitely recommend this book to young children and early readers!

Charlie says

The Skinny

Noira is only one of thousands and thousands of ants who all face the same problem. There is a thief taking their best food! As an ant who hates to work, she dallies all day singing songs and whistling tunes. When Noira is chastised by anyone, she steals from them! Noira is the Ant Thief and no one knows. In fact, others want Noira to help them catch the Ant Thief!

Noira goes on adventures and uses her stolen treasures to help her, until one day she is stuck in a sticky situation. She learns a very important lesson afterward!

The Players

Noira – a strong, black ant who lives in an anthill

She stole a diamond ring and told everyone it was a gift from a king, for bravery. It made her famous in the Land of Insects, as Great Traveller Ant. Everyone praised her, and admired her. They told her she must help them catch the Ant Thief.

The Quote

She ran so fast that she dropped the ring. But she did not look for it. She ran all the way to her anthill.

The Highs and Lows

– Noira. She is so mean! She doesn't do any work to help her fellow ants and maintain her anthill. How can she not be exiled? She needs to do her part to help! Then, when other ants make comments about her not doing anything to help, she steals from them! How does she have any friends? I wouldn't want to be her

friend!

+ The magic cloth. Noira acquires a magic cloth, very similar to Harry's Invisibility Cloak. Who wouldn't want one of these? Unfortunately, she steals it, too.

– The diamond ring. Noira shows this thing off like it's her lifelong accomplishment, which I guess it is if she is renowned as The Traveller Ant in the Land of Insects...but how does the owner not hear about this famous person suddenly having a diamond ring?

+ Moral of the story. After Noira narrowly escapes her sticky situation, and losing both of her most valuable (stolen) items, she is very ashamed of the way others talked directly to her about her behavior as the Ant Thief. She learns a lesson from her sneaky underhandedness, and begins contributing as an Ant Worker.

The Take-Away

I liked the illustrations of Noira. Her facial expressions matched up so perfectly to the words. She definitely has a superior look and attitude.

Recommendation – Buy, Borrow or Skip?

Buy! This is a cute book to enjoy over and over again and a great starter for beginning readers.

Susan Barton says

Noira is a lazy ant who refuses to do any work, unlike all the other ants. Instead, she steals whatever she desires and has no regard for anyone but herself. She even has the nerve to steal a diamond ring and claim it was given to her by the king as a reward for her bravery. Noira continues to steal, until one day she makes an enemy of a queen bee. Will Noira change her thieving ways?

I love Gita Reddy's children's stories. They always have a valuable, yet subtle moral message to them. I also love that she mentions that the idea for The Ant Thief came about as a suggestion from her nephew. Children have the best story ideas! Who better to let an author know what stories to tell than a child?

Once again, Ms. Reddy has written a book that can be used as a conversation starter, to open a dialogue with children about hard work and honesty. The illustrations are adorable and colorful, which will surely hold the attention of even the youngest children. Highly recommended!

<http://ebookreviewgal.com> received a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Dee says

The Ant Thief

Author: Gita Teddy

My favorite author sent me another wonderful children's book to read, I just love being a beta reader! This story is about Noira the ant, she lived in an anthill where thousands of ants lived. There were others near by and they all had the same problem, somebody was stealing from them. So far no one has been able to catch the thief.

What did I like? Ms Reddy did not fail me again, she has written an alluring story and it has a very good

moral in it. Even children in this age group need to learn the value of working as a team and to not steal from your friends or anyone else. Ah, but it gets better this story has a total of three good lessons for kids and the last one is to not lie. Noira broke all those values and it shows what can happen if you do this. Any parent can use this as an teaching tool for their children. I just wish there would have been more like this when I was reading to my kids or grandkids.

What are you going to like? A very imaginative story line that flows very well and the graphics are very professional looking. They will surely capture the eyes of any child. I know they did me. A lot of thought was used in the details of the story and it shows in the flow. You will love the colors that have been used, they are very soothing and warm showing lots of details that the kids will also love. This is one awesome book and I highly recommend it for all children and adults of any age.

Teresa Kander says

This is a cute story complete with a moral. Noira is an ant who doesn't like to work, so she steals from other ants to get what she wants. Eventually she learns a hard lesson, and becomes a most productive worker.

The illustrations are simple, yet fully convey the story on each page. The writing is also reasonably simple, so that it holds the attention of children being read to, and is also appropriate for a beginning reader.

This short little book teaches three lessons to children: the importance of teamwork, not to steal from others, and not to lie.

This is a wonderful book which I recommend to everyone.

Amy Shannon says

Adorable story with a moral

I love children's stories that are not just entertaining but provide a lesson or moral that teaches the child, without them realizing it's a lesson. This is such a book. The Ant Thief is the main character, who decides that stealing is better than working, but eventually she learns her lesson. It's a cute story that will entice children who love stories about insects.

Penny Minding Mom says

My children love to watch Ants. They love to watch them scurry here and there building ant hills and hauling their food home. I on the other hand, have very little use for ants, they give me the heebie jeebies! Regardless of how we all feel about the little critters, we can all learn a lesson about hard work from them!

"The Ant Thief" is the tale of Noira the famous Great Traveller Ant. Noira is keeping a big secret, she is a thief and has been stealing from those around here. What will happen if the other ants learn the truth?

"The Ant Thief" is a fun story for young children about the importance of hard work. Noira doesn't like hard work, she prefers to do things the easy way. She sneaks and steals her way through life. When Noira sneaks

into the Beehive she finds herself in trouble. My children and I talked about how things may have been different for Noira if she worked hard for the things she had. We talked about how the “easy way” can often end up being much more difficult in the long run.

The story also is about being considerate of others. Noira only thinks of herself and doesn't consider how her actions are affecting the others. Noira believes that her stealing isn't hurting anyone, that is until a little worker bee tells her how hard he has worked to create the honey. Then it gets Noira thinking of how she is hurting all those around her and she starts to feel sorry for her actions. This is a lesson for us all. The world around us has turned into a “Me” society. We often forget to think about those around us. My children and I talked about how we need to take a few moments and see how our actions are affecting those around us. My son shared an example with me of how he was thinking of others at the pool. There was an infant in the pool and my son really wanted to jump in, but didn't because he didn't want to scare the little fellow with his “giant” splash. He said Noira needs to be more like him!

“The Ant Thief” is a fun story, great for young readers. My daughter has taken a special liking to this story and has read it several times out loud and to herself.

*Disclosure: I received a complimentary copy of “The Ant Thief” in exchange for my review. All opinions are 100% my own.

Tina (As Told By Tina) says

Disclosure: We received a copy from the author/publisher in exchanged for an honest review. This does not influence our review in any shape or form.

What I loved most about this story was the message that there is no shortcuts to success. And it is very important not to lie because eventually the truth will come out and you will have to confess that you lied.

The story focuses on Noira who is said to be The Traveler ant but in reality she's a thief who often steals and later tells fabulous stories in order to cover up what she's really doing. It is until she is caught that she must confess that she has lied, she then learns it is important to work for everything that you have instead of taking shortcuts.

I thought the message of the story was really sweet and very important. The illustrations in the story are bright and capture your attention. My Tiny Bookworms were able to make up their own story with the illustrations after we finished the book.

Cristian likes to rate the books himself and told me this book deserved 4 stars because he really enjoyed it. We think your little ones may enjoy this one too!

Julie Barrett says

The Ant Thief by Gita V. Reddy

This illustrated very colorful children's book starts out with Noira the ant and they live in an anthill.

Describes the area nearby.

The ants discovered a lot of the things they had collected were now missing and they wanted to find the

culprit.

Noira keeps in good shape daily by exercising that enabled her to run and climb trees.

She hated to work so sat and watched all the others gather food. She stole a ring and told others a different story.

Magic things happen next but it's not all good. Lesson of this book is not to steal because you will get caught.

Other works by the author are highlighted at the end.

I received this review copy from the author via Goodreads and this is my honest review

Ellie Firestone says

This book gets all the components of a good bedtime story right. While perhaps not as engaging as its predecessor (Bala-Gala the Brave and Dangerous), it is nevertheless an entertaining read with a strong message about honesty. Also, as with the first book, the illustrations are very good.

The only reason why I didn't award it the full five stars is because I felt that the story's structure was not as strong as it could have been. Having said this, I still think The Ant Thief would make a great addition to any young child's bedtime reading.

Bev Walkling says

I was given this book by the author to read in exchange for an honest review, and the opinions included are my own. I read two different editions of it - the second of which included changes at the advice of reviewers. My review is based on the second edition.

I had the opportunity to read this book to my 4 year old grand-daughter. The ant Noira as main character was a hit with her as (like many children) she has had an opportunity to watch ants, even seeing an ant farm at her local nature museum. The ant is talented, but a thief. Some people might not feel that this is a suitable subject for the very young, but many children do go through a stage where they try stealing and I think it is a good thing to discuss and point out the consequences to them starting when very young. This book certainly allows for that discussion to take place. Noira also told lies and learned the consequences of that too. It took some bees to help her see how hurtful her actions had been and turn over a new leaf.

The art work was very bright and interesting and, much to my pleasure - the words were on the same page as the pictures. This makes for a much more captivating experience for the child (and for the adult too!)

This makes a very good book to read aloud to a child, perhaps less for bedtime than for a time when you can talk about some of the actions Noira took throughout the story.

Chris Meads says

Noira is a black ant. She exercised to keep herself strong and fast. The one bad thing about Noira is that she hated work and that she stole from the other ants. She even stole a beautiful gold ring and made everyone think she was a world traveler.

Read about Noira and find out what happens to her. Will she keep stealing or will she learn a lesson?

The pictures are simple yet beautiful, and I love the colors. And the story holds a lesson when adults read to young children or even older ones.

I would recommend this book for all young children to read. Gita has done a wonderful job here.

I received this book from the author in exchange for my honest review.

<http://www.goodreads.com/giveaway/show...>

Dawn says

I received a free copy of this book from the author for an honest review.

The Ant Thief is about Noira, an ant who is lazy so she steals food from other ants. She also steals other things such as a diamond ring. When she is caught stealing honey from some bees, she is threatened by the Queen Bee. Suddenly, she changes her ways and becomes The Ant Worker.

Although this is a cute book, I did have a couple of issues with it. Noira never felt guilty about what she was doing. She only quit stealing because she was caught and threatened. The book didn't address her lying at the end. Did she quit lying too? I like books that teach children about morals but Noira learned her lesson in the wrong way, I think.

My other issue was that the Queen Bee told Noira that her bees would kill her if she stole their honey again. I don't think that's something that should be in a bedtime story for 3-7 year olds.

UPDATE: Talk about feeling like I can make a difference! The author contacted me to let me know she made some changes and now the book is little kid friendly. The Queen Bee no longer threatens to kill Noira and when Noira goes home she does feel guilty and that's why she changes her ways. Now it's definitely a great book for 3-7 year olds!

Darlene says

Disclaimer: I was given this book by the author for an honest review.

This story reminds me of the Grasshopper and the Ant of Aesop Fables fame. But in this case, the lazy one is the ant (no grasshoppers in this story). And the main character is a girl. Yes, girls can be lazy, too! ;-)

The artwork is adorable and the story flows quite nicely. I love that the ant has so many expressions!

As a bedtime story, parents and children could discuss laziness, shame, the values of telling the truth, how you can make mistakes and make reparations. And most of all about unconditional love.

As the child learns to love this book it will make a great addition to the young reader's shelf as well. Or Kindle shelf for the children. It reads nicely on the Kindle so makes a good to-go story.

Rustys says

Short story of an ant named Noira who lies and steals.

She steals if people yell at her.

She steals instead of working.

She is threatened to be killed by a queen bee after she stole honey from their hive.

It's only after she was caught did she decide to change her ways and stop stealing and become ant worker.

Fear was the reason for change, not a guilty conscience.

Wanting to be a good ant should have been the reason not fear of retaliation.

The only positive thing the ant did was exercise to keep her legs strong.

I am not an advocate of children's books that deal with lying and stealing.

I think the threat of being killed might be too strong for children ages three through six.

Nowadays if a child even mentions the word, "kill" in school they are suspended.

I was gifted a copy by the author for an honest review.

Illustrations included.

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