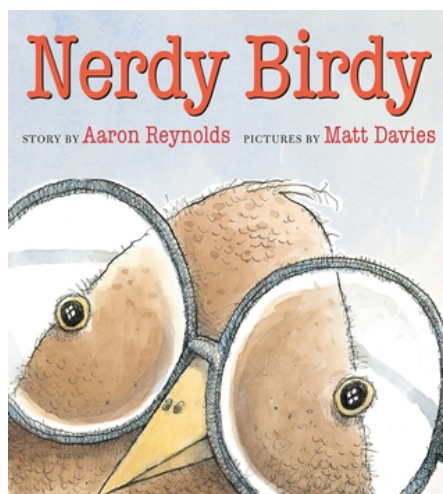




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Nerdy Birdy likes reading, video games, and reading about video games, which immediately disqualifies him for membership in the cool crowd.

One thing is clear: being a nerdy birdy is a lonely lifestyle.

When he's at his lowest point, Nerdy Birdy meets a flock just like him. He has friends and discovers that there are far more nerdy birdies than cool birdies in the sky. And then another bird moves in....

Nerdy Birdy Details

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Racheal says

I loved the ultimate message and I thought the illustrations were super cute and expressive. However, I don't really love how it pigeonholes (pun intended) types of people in the first 2/3 of the book. It's very much about how "cool" kids=bullies and "nerds"=glasses-wearing, book-loving, allergy-having weaklings.

Erin Murphy says

I love the message of this book! Nerdy Bird wasn't cool and didn't fit in with the cool birds. He finds some new friends, but has to stand up to them when they are not interested in accepting a new birds into their group.

Barbara says

What a great message about how to treat others this book has--but told in a surprising way. Nifty illustrations, created with pen and ink and watercolors follow a bird that is a bit of a misfit as he tries to find a place to belong. It would seem that everything about Nerdy Bird is just all wrong, from his big round glasses to how he finds food. To his chagrin, the other birds with whom he spends time, are simply far too superior for him. When he realizes that there are plenty of other birds just like him, he thinks he's found the right place and friends. But his new friends aren't willing to embrace Vulture, and between those other superior birds who rejected Nerdy Bird and his new nerdy friends who reject Vulture, the poor old bird is left alone. Despite their differences--after all, not all birds of a feather flock together--they become friends. I loved the fact that Nerdy Bird is so generous and open to a new friendship and hasn't forgotten how he was once treated. I also loved the last two illustrations with those very different bird tracks heading in the same direction and leading right up to another possible, very large friend. Perhaps the lesson here is that friendship comes in all sorts of shapes and sizes, and we are limited only by our own willingness to open our arms to what might be a wonderful friend.

Maura says

I more nuanced treatment of the whole nerd vs. cool people paradigm than most stories aimed at adults.

At first, nerdy birdy feels lonely because the cool birdies, Eagle, Cardinal, and Robin don't want anything to do with him. When a big group of nerdy birds invites him to join them, he feels excepted and also realizes that Eagle, Cardinal, and Robin's elite-ness kind of cuts them off and must make them lonely.

The story could stop there but it adds an even better message. Vulture moves to town and is shunned by Eagle, Cardinal, and Robin but when Nerdy Birdy invites her to join him and his new friends, they object because she isn't a REAL nerd, she's just weird and gross. But, Nerdy Birdy likes Vulture even though they don't share every interest, so they leave the nerdy group behind too.

I don't know if the kids this book is aimed at are going to retain this message about gate-keeping until they

reach the age when labels like "cool" or "nerdy" really come into play but I hope they will. And I don't know if it was intentional that Vulture is female and non of the other birds appear to be, but if so, it was appreciated.

Rebecca Honeycutt says

A picture book about gatekeepers within geek culture, whaaaaat? Adults will appreciate the pop-culture references, kids will giggle at the exaggerated illustrations, and everyone can benefit from the message of inclusiveness.

Dani - Perspective of a Writer says

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Nerdy Birdy sees himself with truthful eyes but still looks to be friends with the cool birdies: Eagle, Cardinal and Robin. When a birdy that looks like him invites him to join their group he is excited to have so many more friends than even the cool group has! What will he do though when he sees a new birdy, Vulture, get rejected by not only the cool birdies but the nerdy birdies as well?

My nephew and I loved this book! The illustrations were fun and brought a light tone to a heavy subject when bringing the theme of friendship and love an authenticity. Nerdy Birdy was rather a tongue twister but my nephew seemed to work harder to say and remember the new words than he normally would have - a definite win! I loved the message of the story too. We should know what makes us different from others, but celebrate those things and like another person because of those differences, not exclude them from our circle of friends.

We'd have to read this story a bunch more times before the overall message was no longer swamped out by the little details in the story (like the eagle who eats sharks and the big birdy walking with the small birdy), but that's the reason to get this for a home library! Really a timeless message with excellent drawings that make this relatable even to older children reading to younger siblings.

BOTTOM LINE: The best message: everyone can be a friend, commonalities and differences.

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Ricki says

I simply adore this book. The moral is so important, and it is a fantastic text to teach kindness and differences.

Margie says

It was as if they were conjured and controlled by an unseen magician. Neither a chirp nor a cheep was uttered but there was the sound, the sound of hundreds of wing beats. It was late in the afternoon as they dove and swirled and dove and swirled as if dancing an avian ballet. My furry friend and I paused in our walk standing as still as stone, both unable to believe this phenomenon was happening next to us.

These starlings left as swiftly as they came, flying as a unit with a seemingly single conscience. Some scientists speculate they instinctively stay together to locate food and to repel predators; there is survival in numbers. With humans it is sometimes a different kind of survival; a fine line we walk in choosing which paths to take, wanting to belong but maintaining our individuality. *Nerdy Birdy* (A Neal Porter Book, Roaring Brook Press, September 22, 2015) written by Aaron Reynolds with pictures by Matt Davies follows a bird seeking to find his place among his feathered fellows.

My full recommendation: <http://librariansquest.blogspot.com/2...>

Cheryl says

I'm torn. The first half is awful, reinforcing stereotypes we really don't need to see yet again. But the last bit is fabulous, both funny and wise... and the very last is crazy. You'll just have to see for yourself. But remember Nerd does not equal glasses does not equal puny does not equal allergies. And Cool does not equal bully.

Reread, bumped it up two (yes 2!) stars. Everything I said above I still agree with, but this time I loved the good about it and cared less about the not-so-good. Think of the first half as a long prologue....

Emma says

What an excellent read that every reader can relate to. This picture book takes bullying and friendship to a whole new level, and is extremely well done. The illustrations are colorful, the text is well written, and the message that the book portrays is essential.

Throughout the book, the main character is trying to fit in with others and to make friends. However, everyone else just makes fun of him and bullies him. Then, he does find a group that can relate to him. However, he soon finds out that he does not want to be a member of this new clique.

This book provides perfect examples of how our friendships evolve, how they can change, and how we can overcome bullying. It would be a good book to address with any age group, from young to old. Due to the message that this picture book portrays, I want to make sure that it is a book that I have in my classroom, a book that I revolve a lesson around, and a book that I read to my children.

I was very impressed with this book and found that I could relate to it in many instances. It will put a smile on the reader's face because the plot describes a situation everyone is familiar with, a situation that even some of us have had to go through.

Carrie Charley Brown says

Trying to fit in can be hard for any birdy. While some are comfortable being on their own, others, like Nerdy Birdy, are looking for friends to share memories. Children can certainly relate to this plight. The ups and downs of social woes are indeed like a teeter totter for young kids. One moment they are friends and the next they are not. But when you find that one true friend, who accepts you just the way you are... that is a golden moment. Nerdy Birdy celebrates diversity through personalities and interests, and touches on discrimination through physical appearances. Even birds can relay a strong message, but wrapped in the humor of Aaron Reynolds and Matt Davies, it comes across as a much lighter, acceptable topic for kids. The art style is very cartoon-like and the birdies celebrate interests and problems relevant to today's kids. It only takes one birdy to start a movement toward unity.

I received an advanced copy of this book from Macmillan Children's Publishing Group in exchange for an honest review.

Ryan says

I Love This Book. It deserves all the 5 stars it can get. A bird feels alone because no one wants to hang out. His glasses are too big and he loves to read. But then he finds his gang. Other nerdy birds like him. But as in real society, even a nerdy group can exclude people. They can exclude the weird. But Nerdy Birdy won't stand for it. He knows it's better to have friends than be alone.
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Rossy says

Being true to yourself, standing up for others, understanding being cool is not always cool and that being surrounded by people exactly like you isn't always cool either, and that being open to new people may lead to great friendships!

Tracy Clausen says

I really like the message in this book - it's not just about being accepted by a group, but being true to yourself and including people that are different. Great for discussing inclusion and friendship with elementary school kids.

Steve Holden says

Lindsay found this one while stockpiling picture books to use in her beginning of the year character program. What a find! This is a fantastic book! I'm jealous she got her hands on it first - I'll need a copy now too.

The illustrations are both funny and adorable. There are jokes within details in most illustrations too. I love it! The best part, however, is the message in this story. It's not about having the "coolest" friends. It's not about having a lot of friends. It's not about being accepted by anyone else. It ultimately comes down to you being you and always being true to what that means. I highly recommend this one to be checked out by teachers and parents - great book!
