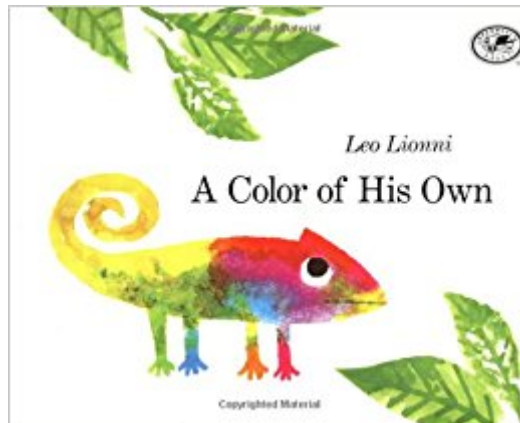




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A Color Of His Own



Synopsis

The classic story about searching for somewhere to belong, from four-time Caldecott honor winner Leo Lionni. Elephants are gray. Pigs are pink. Only the chameleon has no color of his own. He is purple like the heather, yellow like a lemon, even black and orange striped like a tiger! Then one day a chameleon has an idea to remain one color forever by staying on the greenest leaf he can find. But in the autumn, the leaf changes from green to yellow to red . . . and so does the chameleon. When another chameleon suggests they travel together, he learns that companionship is more important than having a color of his own. No matter where he goes with his new friend, they will always be alike.

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Customer Reviews

Every animal has a color of its own. "Parrots are green, elephants are gray, pigs are pink." But chameleons change color wherever they go. "On lemons they are yellow. In the heather they are purple." One chameleon is not pleased with his changeable appearance. He thinks, "If I remain on a leaf, I shall be green forever, and so I too will have a color of my own." Of course, what he doesn't take into account is the changes wrought by autumn, and soon the green chameleon is yellow, then red, and then tumbled to the ground for the long black winter night. It isn't until he befriends another

older, wiser chameleon that our hero begins to find inner peace, even as his outer surface is transformed again and again. Leo Lionni, children's book creator extraordinaire, author of such beloved picture books as *Frederick*, *Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse*, *Swimmy*, and *Inch by Inch*, all Caldecott Honor winners, introduces color concepts in an exquisite and touching story. This small board book edition of the classic tale of self-acceptance and friendship will be a favorite for toddlers and parents alike. (Baby to preschool) --Emilie Coulter --This text refers to the Board book edition.

Toddler-PreSÃÂââThe classic picture book is now available for the smallest hands to hold in this beautiful bilingual board book edition. Children will follow a little chameleon's story in English and Spanish and learn about colors and the chameleon's ability to camouflage and change colors to match his surroundings. Wonderfully translated, this title will also allow young readers to understand the chameleon's desire for a color of his own, as well as the value of having a friend. Pair this with Eric Carle's El camaleÃÂfÃ n camaleÃÂfÃ nico (Lectorum, 2009) for a bilingual, chameleon-themed storytime. VERDICT Recommended for all bilingual early learning collections.ÃÂââSelenia Paz, Helen Hall Library, League City, TX --This text refers to the Board book edition.

To be clear, the story is absolutely darling. This board book printing, however, is not. As with another recent review, the colors on the copy I received are off and this is a book about colors, so it matters. There seems to be an (extreme) oversaturation of magenta and generally the color mix is off. Everything in the book that is not green, yellow, or black is wrong. Reds look neon, browns look burnt orange, and gray is burgundy. I have an older copy of the book and the colors are accurate so this is definitely a printing issue. Until runs through (or throws out) their current stock of A Color of His Own board books, I would steer clear.

this is a very sweet book but I think the whole batch is misprinted. I've returned it twice and each time it comes back with some wonky colors. I wouldn't normally worry but for a book about colors it's got some serious flaws. that elephant, it's not grey at all. some extra red tones are run amok in this print.

Although I like the story and the illustrations, it is really annoying when my three year old nephew is taking issue with the fact that the story reads..."goldfish are red". He brought me a picture of a correctly colored goldfish and explained the difference between red and gold. Although I am proud of my nephew Jonah, I am pretty "meh" about this book. When I brought it into read aloud, the book

began falling apart within a week. A hardcover would be sturdier, but I wouldn't invest hardcover money into a book which causes color debates which distract attention from a lovely story.

This book was highly recommended by a friend. My 14-month-old son loved it from the first read. He loves the different colors of the chameleon, which make him giggle.

There are wonderful teacher outlines on various sites (search for lesson plans or specific books) using this book to incorporate various learning activities. One of my favorite is cutting the inside out of a copy of a chameleon and then moving the outside copy over different items to show how the chameleon changes color to match what it is up against. Kids love this!

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