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Wild



Synopsis

"You cannot tame something so happily wild." In this beautiful picture book by Hawaiian artist Emily Hughes, we meet a little girl who has known nothing but nature from birth; she was taught to talk by birds, to eat by bears, and to play by foxes. She is unashamedly, irrefutably, irrepressibly wild. That is, until she is snared by some very strange animals that look oddly like her, but they don't talk right, eat right, or play correctly. She's puzzled by their behavior and their insistence on living in these strange concrete structures: there's no green here, no animals, no trees, no rivers. Now she lives in the comfort of civilization. But will civilization get comfortable with her? In her debut picture book, Hughes brings an uncanny humor to her painterly illustrations. Her work is awash with color, atmosphere, and a stunning visual splendor that will enchant children while indulging their wilder tendencies. *Wild* is a twenty-first-century answer to Maurice Sendak's children's classic; it has the same inventiveness, groundbreaking art, and unmissable quirkiness. Emily Hughes is a talented young illustrator. Her book *Nana Shaped Like a Banana* won second prize in the 2012 Macmillan Children's Book Awards.

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

Best Children's Book of 2014, Brain Pickings "Wild by Emily Hughes relies on its lush, almost rough art to convey a story about belonging and being different. When a little girl raised in the woods it

taken into 'civilized' society, mayhem and torn upholstery follow in her wake." - The Horn Book "Love, love, love! The illustrations are just incredible. I love the feel of the paper and the way that each page is so deliciously detailed. The eyes on the main character are huge and expressive throughout. I love her mossy wild hair, her knit brows and her determined stance. Her ability to wreak havoc in her unhappiness is amazing – just as her joy radiates off the page when she is truly, wild and free. I must share this with my students and see what they think." - There's A Book For That "...for my money it's one of the most brilliant picture books of 2013." - 100 Scope Notes at The School Library Journal "[...] the imagery is beautifully intricate and full of subtle details, it's a pretty straight-forward story that anyone can follow [...] It's a great reminder for us not to take ourselves too seriously and give the wild animals in us a little room to breathe." — The New York Public Library "An irreverent, charming, and oh-so-delightfully illustrated story, partway between Kipling's The Jungle Book and Sendak's Where the Wild Things Are. […] Wild is one of the loveliest and most endearing picture-books I've seen this side of the century." — Brain Pickings "One of our favorite books of the year." - The Metro "I've never seen such an accurate illustration of a child who feels she is the victim of an injustice or stupidity. Hughes' style is vivid and lyrical." - Joy Corcoran "The beautiful artwork and simple text reveals the happy wildchild of nature who lies dormant in all of us, and we are encouraged to understand and respect those who are different." — Foreword Reviews, 10 Best Indie Picture Books of 2014 “ This is a gorgeously illustrated and elegantly narrated picture book about a wild little girl who is raised by animals and then brought back to civilization. It's an engaging picture book for adults to read with children. Wild reminds me what childhood can feel like for a child. • - The Picture Book Review "It's hard to put into words exactly how terrific this picture book by Emily Hughes is and why. Perhaps it has to do with the beautifully rendered illustrations and the way they depict the cosiness and warmth of the forest, and how it embraces the little girl as one of its own. Or perhaps it has to do with how it speaks to the deep-seated longing that everyone has, to be if not exactly wild then certainly FREE — free to be yourself, to do what you really want to do in life." - Picture This Book

Emily Hughes is a UK based Children's illustrator/author who hails from a little (but lovely) town called Hilo, Hawaii. She earned 2nd place for the Macmillan's Prize for Children's Picture Books in 2012. When not doodling or walking around to come up with a story, she busies herself by reading (adult books and children's books alike, though she prefers the latter), making shopping lists (and regularly forgetting them) and watching dreary films.

One of my new favorite children's books! I had not previously read any of Emily Hughes' books and I am so glad I found her! I am an avid reader and so are my children. I have a 7, 4, and 2 year old and they all love it when I read Wild to them! It's funny, cute, and has a great moral to the story.

This book has beautiful illustrations, but the story itself was a bit simple and short, not quite what we were looking for. I was honestly a bit let down after reading all of these glowing reviews. Synopsis: There's a wild girl, some humans find her, they think she's strange, she thinks they're strange, so eventually she leaves to be wild again. The End. It's a nice concept, and a nice story, I just wish there was a bit more of it.

My 1.5 year old daughter (we call her Wild Clementine) is utterly enraptured with this book. We read it at least 5 times a day - sometimes I have to hide it just to get a break to go do other things, because when we get started it's constantly "again, again" - one day when she was sick, we read it over 30 times! :O The illustrations are beautiful.

Such beautiful illustrations!! Not too "wordy" so my 18 month old loves it!!! Really cute story!

My wife and I loved it. So did my one year old daughter. This book has a very unique vibe and a neat story. There's no jacket on the book. The little feral child is just perfect. She's adorable, fierce, and lovable.

My niece absolutely loves this book. I bought it for her for Christmas and here is what she wrote me in a thank you note. (She is six.) On a green tri-fold punctuated with little stickers she says: Just a little something to say what I did when I got that book. I said..... "Wow!!!!" and I also said: "I love it!" Just as if I were saying it to you right then. Now how cute is that?? A review for the ages.

I bought this for my 2 year old son for Christmas. I read about it in an article before I purchased it and thought it sounded perfect since I call him my "wild thing". The pictures are fun and inviting. The story of the free spirited little girl who doesn't fit in with the couple who take her in and she ends up going back to the wild where always belonged is the cutest little story and quite humorous too. I absolutely adore this book and my wild thing does too!

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