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Colin is tall. He's orange. He's a carrot! He's nothing like Lee, a round green pea. He can't do any of the things Lee and his pea pals can do. How can Colin and Lee ever be friends? A charming celebration of embracing differences and standing out in a crowd.

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Tasha says

Lee is a pea and all of his friends are peas too. Except for Colin. Colin is a carrot. Colin is very different from the peas. He's not the same green color. He doesn't roll around like they do. He can't really bounce and he can't play hide-and-seek. But Colin is good at other things. He can be a slide for the peas to roll down. He can serve as a tower or a bridge. It's because he is different that Lee loves him and so do all the other peas.

Hood takes a look at differences here in her very simple prose and while she points them out there is no sense at any time that Colin the carrot is misunderstood or left out. Instead the differences are pointed out and then embraced by the entire group. This ends up being a celebration of our differences and a look at how by being unique people provide new ideas for their community.

The illustrations are collaged out of plastic grocery bags. They have a wonderful texture to them that is very similar to crepe paper and their vibrant color adds to the appeal. The rows and rows of peas look out from the page, sometimes expressionless and other times very playful.

Great for even the littlest of children, this simple book on differences is as delicious as peas and carrots. Appropriate for ages 2-4.

Bella says

Carrot and Pea is a cute book and about expressing your differences. **Wrong.**

Carrot and Pea is about a group of friends who all happen to be peas. (Clarification: these peas were not mushy). However, there is also a carrot. He is "much too tall and much too orange." He is also longer, can't roll over, and overall, different. Throughout the story, the peas use their carrot "friend" to stand on and to cross over bridges instead of using a ladder or actual bridge.

This children's book may seem cute and funny, but in reality, it is teaching kids to abuse those who are different from you.

I do not support this theme, especially with the excessive discrimination that is still happening today. Do you want to receive a call saying that your child was climbing over someone taller than them? Do you want to have to drop your **peanut butter and jelly sandwich** and **pumpkin spice latte** just to go to the school to talk to the teacher because you got a call saying that your child was climbing over someone taller than them? Do you want to get stuck in traffic between the Fiat500 and the HummerH2 after dropping your **peanut butter and jelly sandwich** and **pumpkin spice latte** just to go to the school to talk to the teacher because you got a call saying that your child was climbing over someone taller than them? And after getting stuck in traffic between the Fiat500 and the HummerH2, dropping your **peanut butter and jelly sandwich** and **pumpkin spice latte**, and getting a call saying that your child was climbing over someone taller than them, *do you want your child to justify their actions by saying "because the Peas did it to Carrot"?*

This book may have beautiful art, but do not be fooled. Read to your child at your own risk.

KC says

I loved the fact that the carrot stood out from his friends and they embraced his uniqueness. It reminded me of a small promotional cartoon for Hampshire College in Amherst, Ma where my son went to school.

Kathryn Heavenissmilingabove says

My three year old LOVES this book. After the first reading she wanted to "read" it by herself having memorized it pretty completely. It's a great read to illustrate that friendships can be built among many different people (or vegetables in this case). Everyone has something they can contribute to make things fun and wonderful for all. I hope Morag continues making sometimes difficult concepts so appealing to children and adults.

Steve Holden says

This is a simple, ridiculous story with a wonderful message. It's executed perfectly and makes for a great silly tale of friendship and accepting differences. The story is about a carrot and pea - shocking huh? - and their friendship. A carrot is different than a pea. Obviously. And despite being SO DIFFERENT from a pea, a pea still accepts a carrot as a friend. It's a story, told in much different terms, that I try to promote and encourage everyday in a classroom.

Sarah says

Very simple friendship story about how being different can make for a great friendship. Great book for kids going to daycare, preschool, and even kindergarten. It could be used to get kids thinking about what other things spheres and rectangular prism could be. So, this could be a good story to go with second grade shapes math too. The artwork was created with recycled plastic bags which leads to another activity that could go with this story. 74 words. 10 sentences. 28 pages including the end pages.

Amy Lafleur Meyers says

Lee the pea is friends with Colin carrot. However, Colin is very different from peas. Morag Hood tells their story with funny text "He can't roll, or bounce, and isn't very good at hide-and-seek." Can Colin find his place and find some advantages to being tall and rectangular? I liked the simple colorful illustrations, especially the smily and frowny faces on the peas and Colin. Friendship despite being different is also an excellent message and this book makes this important message a joy to learn.

Miya Gaub says

This book starts out by introducing Lee the Pea and his group of pea friends. They are all the same, and able to play together because of these similar characteristics they share (like being green and being round). However, they also have a friend named Colin the Carrot. Colin is not able to play the same rolling games as the peas because he is too long and too orange. I loved how the author chose to make the carrot friends with the pea regardless of their differences. This heartwarming story provides young readers with the opportunity to express their differences. Rather than secluding someone due to their differences, students can read this story to learn how to accept others for who they are. As the carrot and the pea's unlikely friendship continues, they explain all the reasons they love Colin for who he is! This is a beautiful lesson to be learned at a young age. I also enjoy how the author was able to use veggies to express to youngsters the idea of friendship and acceptance.

Christie At The Library says

The simple tale of Lea the pea, and Colin the carrot. Colin isn't small and green and round like Lea and his other pea friends. He can not roll or bounce, but Lea and Colin are great friends all the same.

This story has a lot of elements that make it a great go to storytime book. It's simple and short, for younger readers with small attention spans. It has round and square shapes and talks about how those shape might move differently. It also has 2 colors, green and orange, and focuses on them a lot the idea is reinforced. It also is all about accepting difference. The peas accept Colin, even though he is not green, small and round like they are, they love him because of his differences and the story ends with the peas giving Colin a hug.

Sandra Guerfi says

Carrot and Pea are friends but they couldn't be any more different if they tried. Can they really fit together in an unique friendship or is it something too strange to work? A great book for little ones to help understand that differences are sometimes just the thing we're looking for in our friends. Cheerful, simple, and a perfect addition to a toddler's bookshelf.

Becky says

First sentence: This is Lee. He is a pea. All of his friends are peas. Except Colin. Colin is not a pea. He is much too tall and much too orange.

Premise/plot: Lee loves his friend Colin. Even though Colin can't roll (like a pea) or bounce (like a pea) and is horrible at hide and seek (he doesn't blend like the other peas!). Colin's differences make him really fun to play with. He's the BEST tower, a great bridge, and a wonderful slide! Lee and the other peas wouldn't have nearly as much fun if Colin were just like them.

My thoughts: This one is a simple book: simple text, simple illustrations. Yet this simple message is compelling and sweet. I like both Lee and Colin. For being vegetables, they both happen to be quite expressive. This one was originally published in the UK.

Text: 5 out of 5

Illustrations: 4 out of 5

Total: 9 out of 10

Kaylee says

this book was about a pea and all his friends. it talks about how he has one friend named Collin that is not a pea. goes through all the things Collin cant do like the other peas but then talks about all the things he can do that the peas can not.

I loved this book because it shows kids that it is okay to be different from your friends and that just because your friends are good at one thing does not mean your not good at anything.

I would use this book when talking about differences

Meredith says

If you ever wondered if peas could be friends with those strange rectangular carrots in the bags of peas and carrots mixed vegetables, rest assured that they can be friends.

This is a cute little book that reinforces the idea that it's possible to be friends (or at least play with) others who are different. I did, however, wonder why there was only one carrot. Did he get into a bag of peas by accident or does his particular container of peas and carrots have an abnormal peas to carrots ratio?

Braelyn Carwile says

Carrot and Pea is a book about Colin the carrot and Lee the pea. Colin is very different than all the other peas, he cannot do the same things the peas can. However, Colin is good at things that Lee and the other peas are not good at.

I think this book is very cute. I liked how simple it was and the illustrations were nice as well. You can see the book at its' surface level and it would be good, or you can view the book and see a deeper message and it is even better. This book is at a very beginner level which can be good in a kindergarten or pre-K room.

I think I would use this in my classroom if I ever had a friendship unit. Sometimes if the majority of the class is good at one particular subject, and one student is not at the same level as the others, they can feel discouraged. This book helps say that we all have different strengths and that is a good thing. This would also be beneficial if a student had trouble reading because the words are easy to understand and the pictures go well with what is happening on the page.

Darcie Saunier says

This is a very simple story that teaches children that individuals are different and that's absolutely OK! It shows how Lee the Pea (and his other pea friends) and Colin the Carrot are different, but that they can appreciate those differences and be friends. Love it! A great message for our world.
