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Shy loves birds. He'd love to watch them fly and hear them sing, but he's only ever read about them in books. . .until a real bird comes along. He's dying to meet her, but there's just one problem: Shy is, well, shy--so shy, in fact, that he's afraid to leave the gutter of the book. Can Shy overcome his fears and venture out onto the page?

This sweetly relatable picture book from the acclaimed Deborah Freedman speaks to every child who's ever felt like hiding instead of facing the daunting world.

Shy Details

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Danielle Mootz says

Beautiful and sweet book. My kids were so excited to discover....SPOILER ALERT.....Shy was a giraffe.

Jason says

I couldn't get into this at all. Too abstract, maybe, for the subject matter? I didn't like that we don't see the main character until the end. Nice watercolors, though.

Margie says

One of the things I remember most about my classroom years, kindergarten through high school graduation, is knowing the answers over and over again but being too afraid to raise my hand. I was painfully quiet except when with close friends. My solace was in books; books allowed me the freedom to be everything I felt inside on the outside as long as I was reading.

Upon finding out a speech class was required for all incoming freshmen in college, I felt true fear. What saved me were grim determination and a deep desire. Teaching was my passion. If I was going to teach and teach well, this shyness had to go. In our speech class we were given the opportunity to give our speech the week before it would be graded. Every single time I not only elected to do this but also volunteered to go first. To fulfill a dream I forced the fear away.

Reading a book about a character who views their world in much the same way we do ours, encourages us. *Shy* (Viking, September 27, 2016) written and illustrated by Deborah Freedman is a book which calls to readers as soon as they see the title. Let's answer the invitation!

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

Jena says

Wow. Not only is the storyline deceptively simple & sweet, but the illustrations are stunning (also deceptively simple). I can see why it's getting a lot of well deserved buzz.

Baby Bookworm says

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Hello, friends! Our book today is the lovely *Shy* by Deborah Freedman, a gorgeous fable about overcoming fears and shyness.

Shy is a very timid sort. He's most comfortable hidden between the pages of a book (this one, to be precise). Still, he dreams of having the courage to explore "a land far away," where so many of his books are set. One day, he sees a beautiful bird, one of his favorite reading subjects, and decides to do the unthinkable: he leaves home. What follows is a beautiful tale of what can happen when we step out of our comfort zones to create our own "Once upon a time..."

We loved this book. The concept is unique and well-executed, the text is soothing yet inspiring, and the story's message of courage and inner strength is wonderful. The art is also breathtaking: the colors of each page tell stories of their own, weaving together muted and understated with bright and vibrant depending on what the story calls for. This is an awesome book with a great length for baby bookworms, and JJ adored it, so definitely check this one out. Baby Bookworm approved.

Be sure to check out The Baby Bookworm for more reviews!

Ricki says

I have read this book dozens and dozens of times with my son. He absolutely loves the story. When my husband walked him upstairs to bed the night after we got the book, he didn't even make it to the top of the stairs before he requested his reading choices for the night, "Race car books and Shy, please." The book features a character who is Shy and who is unable to say hello to a yellow bird. I won't give anything away, but this is a book that will teach many lessons to readers (and not just the shy ones!). It's a daunting, scary world out there, and all kids will be fearful in situations. This book teaches lessons of courage and friendship. This stunningly beautiful book captured my attention from the start, and I immediately shared it with colleagues.

Full review available in September, closer to publication: <http://www.unleashingreaders.com/?p=1...>

Readers will fall in love with this book.

Jana says

This picture book is very cute and makes such clever use of the gutter (the place where the book pages are bound together). Shy spends all of his time hiding and reading books. One day a bird comes along and Shy is delighted by her singing, but he's too shy to say anything. Young readers, especially shy ones will appreciate Shy's journey to find this bird. The illustrations, made with pencil, watercolor, bits of colored pencil, and assembled in Photoshop, are just beautiful!

Colby Sharp says

Deborah Freedman is amazing. Shy will blow readers away.

Tj Shay says

Like all Deborah Freedman books, this one is beautiful. I love the gentle style that Deborah uses. Love this!

KC says

Lovely colors and soothing pictures detail this book about two unlikely animals who become friends.

Cheryl says

I get it, but I just don't care for it. Message has been done and isn't worth redoing, art is too delicate, simple, and difficult to see. I'd be willing to bet that, in general, more adults than children will love it. When I was a shy child (which I do remember), I would not have liked this.

Anna says

Beautiful pictures and a gentle, lovely story that I could completely relate to.

Jillian Heise says

Sweet, charming story with beautiful, soft illustrations. I know exactly who I would want to hand this book to.

Elizabeth says

Who is Shy? That is the fun mystery for the first portion of this book. Shy has learned about birds in books. And then he meets one. Shy is too shy to interact with the bird. But when he gets a second chance he does not let it pass him by!

Jesse says

What a sweet story! The illustrations are luscious, as always, with the added bonus of Shy residing literally between the pages of the book until he is brave enough to step out.
