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Back in 1957, Theodor Geisel responded to an article in Life magazine that lamented the use of boring reading primers in schools. Using the pseudonym of "Dr. Seuss" (Seuss was Geisel's middle name) and only two hundred twenty-three words, Geisel created a replacement for those dull primers: "The Cat in the Hat." The instant success of the book prompted Geisel and his wife to found Beginner Books, and Geisel wrote many popular books in this series, including "Hop on Pop, " "Fox in Socks, " and "Green Eggs and Ham." Other favorite titles in this series are "Go, Dog, Go!" and "Are You My Mother?" by P. D. Eastman, "A Fly Went By, " by Mike McClintock, and "Put Me in the Zoo, " by Robert Lopshire. These affordable hardcover books combine large print, easy vocabulary, and large, bright illustrations in stories kids will want to read again and again. Grades 1 - Grades 2.

The Best Nest Details

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Brian Harticat says

I sunk myself in this book. The life lessons this book gives are priceless. The biggest lesson is this: Do not listen to your nagging wife! I think I speak for most men on this. What the bird should have done is re-model the birdhouse, put in a sports den and wet bar. Then his buds could come over and hang. The wife bird would have been wise to make snacks and keep the birdhouse clean. I hope the author writes a sequel to this book where the dad bird tells her to find her own place, then turns the birdhouse into a swingin' bachelor pad. Now that I would read! To sum up, a must read.

Kyrie says

I wanted to throttle Mrs. Bird for being so picky.

Kathleen Dixon says

I've just had a hilarious time reading other Goodreads reviews on this book - a couple were sad because "there's not much love" in this book, another was upset with the use of the word *hate* because it's a banned word in her household, several criticised Mrs Bird while others excused her because we all know pregnant women are touchy (OOPS, spoiler!!!), one told us what Mr Bird should have done instead of giving in to Mrs Bird's displeasure . . . I think I enjoyed these reviews almost as much as I enjoy the book.

Zenobia has asked me to read it for several days in a row now. She's a few months short of 5 and she loves it. She almost cries when Mr Bird is searching for Mrs Bird after the debacle in the church's bell tower, and is overjoyed when he finds her again. I love it when the kids get emotionally involved in a book!

For me, it's a great little moral tale, the pictures are simple but very funny (the look on the horse's face when Mr & Mrs Bird collect horse hair for their nest, the looks on the birds' faces...), and James (aged 6) will be able to read it himself soon. Excellent.

Al says

I thought Mrs. Bird was a little quick to judge, but she was after all with egg.

David Sarkies says

There is no place like home

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This is a wonderful little story (see I am not always harsh when it comes to Children's books) about two birds who decide that they no longer like their old house (or at least the woman doesn't, the man is perfectly happy

to sit on top of his house and sing his song all day about how his nest is the best nest) and go on a quest to find a new house. However every house they find is either occupied (by a foot, or some letters) or has hidden traps (such as the steeple tower). What is interesting is that this book, unlike others, has a story to it, and flows like the typical story.

Basically they start off with a goal, and when they think they have achieved that goal something bad happens and Mr Bird is wondering around the town, and at the darkest point in the story the clouds gather and it starts to rain. However, quite by luck, though not to the extent that you would call it a *deus ex machina*, the problems are solved and everybody ends up living happily ever after.

I guess the theme of this story is that there is no place like home. At the beginning one of them becomes sick of her home and wants something better, however it turns out, at the end, that the best place was actually the place that you originally started from. However the thing that comes down to this realisation is that sometimes you have to lose something because you realise the value of that something in the end. Here it is that the best home was in their original home.

That is not always the case though because I moved 700 km from where I grew up to a new city, and now, on my second visit back to Adelaide this year I have come to realise that I actually miss my new home. Granted I like being around my parents, but I guess I have reached that age (at least with our Anglo-saxon mindset) where I prefer the independence of my new home, and also the friendships that I am beginning to build. However, I suspect that there may have been other reasons above and beyond Mrs Bird's reason for wanting a new home that caused me to move interstate.

Archit Ojha says

P.D. Eastman's *The Best Nest* is a story about finding the best home for your loved ones. I remembered reading a childhood poem which related to it too much.

Indeed, Mrs. Bird was too picky!

Brooke says

Another excellent one. Very fun and funny. Great to read aloud or as a beginning reader.

Acton says

(Bodhi - 4 stars) The main idea of this book is that two birds are looking for a nest. I liked it because they had to look and look for a nest and they found one eventually, and it was funny.

(Saskia - 5 stars) Mr. Bird sang a song and he was so happy because he loved his house. Mrs. Bird came home and told him to stop singing because she did not like their house. The whole book is about them trying to find a new nest, but then they find their old nest again. I would give this book five stars because I could sing along to the song, which I liked.

Kandra says

This was the first book that my daughter loved, so we have read it at least 100 times. She still takes it to bed with her sometimes. Books - the ultimate comfort.

Sharon says

There are some passages from 'classic' literature that are worth keeping alive, such as this one; from, The Best Nest by P.D. Easton, "I love my house, I love my nest, In all the world, My nest is best." Do you concur?," and, if not: might not you be the reason? Just asking? -Please pardon the grammar errors. Sometimes, wisdom transcends grammar. But I still think grammar mechanics are important.

Barbara N. Hernandez says

Text-to-World Connection: How does the theme or content presented in the book connect to something happening in the world?

Although this book is very simplified and cute, I couldn't help but notice that the theme related to constantly chasing after more to be happy. The Mrs. Bird was unsatisfied with her bird house because it was not the "best" as Mr. Bird so happily sang before. They searched high and low for the "best" bird house but never found it. At the end of the story Mrs. Bird goes missing and Mr. Bird goes searching for her. He eventually find his way back to their old bird house and finds Mrs. Bird there now singing the same song Mr. Bird sang before, "I love my house. I love my nest. In all the world, This nest is best." I feel this book really relates to how people are always in pursuit of happiness through bigger and better things. Sometimes, it's easy to be distracted by what you are told is the best, but that is all relative. Everyone has an opinion and sometimes the "best" is what brings you the most joy whether it's expensive, cheap, big, or small. For this story, home was where the heart was all along.

Pooja says

Mrs. Bird was too choosy and Mr. Bird was kind enough to go for all the troubles for their family.

Sugary story, I would say! Their dress up was amazing!

Watch Books says

A well illustrated and engaging book about home and family. Would recommend. -Zoe

Angie says

Of course I read this a long time ago. But I got it on ... Saturday? To go with my new color Nook and read with my niece. Fun!

And ironic, considering my day today. Be happy with what you have. A lesson to be learned by all of us.

Melissa Koser says

Boring to look at, boring to read. A good children's book is fun for both the child and the parent.
