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The Uncorker of Ocean Bottles, who lives alone atop a hill, has a job of the utmost importance. It is his task to open any bottles found at sea and make sure that the messages are delivered. He loves his job, though he has always wished that, someday, one of the letters would be addressed to him. One day he opens a party invitation—but there's no name attached. As he devotes himself to the mystery of the intended recipient, he ends up finding something even more special: the possibility of new friends.

## The Uncorker of Ocean Bottles Details

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## From Reader Review The Uncorker of Ocean Bottles for online ebook

### **svm says**

enough with these pretentious/esoteric/existential hipster picture books! go away and please do NOT come back another day. inevitably, i can already tell this one's gonna win nods/awards/stars/etc. and people are going to rush out and buy it and unless they are true book people (you know who you are), they are going to give it to 3-5 year olds because in their heads, that's the only appropriate market for picture books. don't get me wrong, this book has some lovely language, but it's the kind of stuff that will appeal to ADULTS, not kids. and sure, you could slip some of it into a middle grade novel and it would work there, but again NOT A PICTURE BOOK. argh. people, just stop. please. pretty please.

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### **Hannah says**

Like a warmly sung ballad, THE UNCORKER OF OCEAN BOTTLES will wind its way around your heart, shining with tinges of loneliness, wonder, and not a little joy.

Cuevas is a master of metaphor--phrases like, "messages... written by a quill dipped in sadness;" or, "[his] heart was a glass vessel filled to the brim," are brilliantly evocative and transform chantey into chanson.

And Stead's illustrations. Oh, my. There could not have been a more perfect choice to illustrate this book.

She channels the introversion of the uncorker with the perfect balance of levity and gravity, lending a gentleness to the melancholy of solitude. Using vast washes of blue, yellow and orange to evoke the ocean, fog, and moods of sorrow and joy, Stead layers her illustrations with finely-detailed pencil drawings, drawn with whimsy and warmth.

Dear reader, if you search for a story that will uncork your heart and make you feel like you have found "the treasure of a clam-hugged pearl," look no further. This book is the one for you.

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### **Sarah N says**

A sweet story, with wonderful texture to the illustrations.

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### **Michele Knott says**

Beautiful story, beautiful illustrations.

Great mentor text for show, don't tell. Love the comparisons.

Stead's illustrations make you pour over each page, long after it was time to go to the next one.

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### **Sara Grochowski says**

Not only is this is a lovely story, Erin E. Stead's illustrations are so incredibly moving that I find myself nearing tears with each read. What a stellar collaboration from Cuevas & Stead. <3

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### **Jillian Heise says**

A beautiful, quiet story, with beautiful, soft illustrations. I do wonder though, if kids will react the same as adults to this story. I will definitely be sharing it though.

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### **Laura Harrison says**

Picture book perfection right here. Brilliantly done by both author and illustrator. If this title doesn't win the Caldecott gold or at the very least an honor I am going to ugly cry for a month. After that I will complain about the grave injustice of overlooking this spectacular and enchanting book the rest of the year. I don't think I need worry. The Uncorker of Ocean Bottles is one powerful, gorgeous book.

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### **Jill says**

I love this book so much I bought two copies of it. One to keep and one to give as a gift. The story is sweet and the illustrations are so beautiful and soothing. It's a relaxing and lovely read. Yeah, maybe it appeals more to adults, but there are children who will fall in love with the pictures and story and remember it as they get older. Recommended for all ages!

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### **Kylie Hart says**

Gorgeous illustrations!

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### **Agn? says**

Such a quietly beautiful story with exquisite, dreamy illustrations:

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### **KC says**

Beautifully illustrated tale of a man who collects bottles that wash up on shore.

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### **Caroline says**

Such lovely language! A sweet story of seeking and finding friendship. (And I always love Erin E. Stead illustrations! Swoon.) YAY for quiet books!

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**Daria Prietena Cu Cartile says**

2 stars not because is a bad book, because I can't compare it with other book...really nice for little kids

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**Julie says**

So beautiful and wonderful and warm and cozy. To be read with a cup of tea and a loved one.

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**Kelli says**

Erin Stead is one of my favorite illustrators. She is so talented. In this melancholy tale, her muted illustrations were perfect. The story, however meaningful, seemed more suited for adults. I wasn't surprised that my children were a bit underwhelmed. 3.5 stars

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