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Sheila says

The peacock, with his multicolored tail, is a perfect subject for Jacqueline Jules' children's story, and a delightful study for Helen Cann's illustrations. Naked and featherless, he hides with other birds through the winter's cold and longs for clothes. But the way this peacock gets his robes is pleasingly different, as the author tells an enjoyable story of friends helping friends, mess turned to success, and kindness proving more important than superficial beauty.

The lesson is wise for children and adults, and the writing is simple and clear, with large text, smooth sentences, and pleasingly natural dialog. Bright illustrations fit and add to the story beautifully, from recognizable naked birds to the curiously stylized moon and a feathery jumble. Intriguingly imaginative, the story and images invite small children to pore over nature and guess what colors might have come from where. Then an enjoyable afterword details the facts about real peacocks to inspire continuing interest.

Wholly new, but warmly flavored with the sense of world-wide myths, Feathers for Peacock is a fun, wise story that begs to be read aloud, with illustrations to delight at every visit – highly recommended.

Disclosure: I was given a copy by the publisher and I offer my honest review.

Megan Rang says

I won this book as a Goodreads Giveaway. I read it with my 4 year old son who loved it. The illustrations were wonderful. The story is a great message of kindness.

Robin Friedman says

"Proud as a Peacock". With its bright, multi-colored plumage and its strutting, the peacock has been the subject of many a tale from Aesop and other storytelling traditions. Jacqueline Jules' new book, "Feathers for Peacock" tells a highly creative, original story about the peacock and its feathers in this new book for children ages four and up. Jules is a renowned author of children's books. I have read and enjoyed her award-winning title "Never Say a Mean Word Again" and reviewed it here on Amazon. Her new book is a delight to read and share with young children, particularly with the beautiful pastel illustrations of birds and other animals, flowers, the moon, and a young earth by Helen Cann.

The story is set "long ago when the world was new." The birds lack any covering for their bodies until the moon develops a plan under which the birds acquire their beautiful feathers of different colors and sizes. Somehow the peacock misses its turn. Seeing the peacock's forlorn state, all the other birds come to its assistance and gallantly contribute a feather of their own. The equally gallant moon then combines peacock's patchwork into a long beautiful tail of many colors. Peacock is eternally grateful for the kindness in this little story of generosity and community.

This is a lovely story which parents and teachers will enjoy sharing and discussing with their children. The tale also has the value of originality, and it teaches an important lesson. I was dissatisfied. I found this story had

too much of a contemporary sensibility and was out of character. A bird that depends on the kindness of others and shows its gratitude is not my picture of a peacock and does not square with the portrayal of the bird in early stories. This does not make the portrait wrong, of course, -- just anachronistic and a little forced. It is as if we were short of other ways to teach valuable lessons and could not simply allow peacock to strut and be itself. Kindness and gratitude have many forms and they include taking people and other creatures mostly as they are.

I may be over-thinking the story which is pleasant and with a good moral for children and others. The book is published by Wisdom Tales, which specializes in books with spiritual, ethical themes for young readers. I have enjoyed many Wisdom Tales titles. Wisdom Tales kindly sent me a review copy.

Robin Friedman

Donna Siebold says

Explains how the birds got the wings and why - through love and support the peacock's feathers are so splendid.

Belmont Kirch says

This book is beautifully illustrated. I love reading this book together with my kids. The story gives a message about kindness for young readers. The facts about peacocks and the "About the Story" sections at the end make this a complete story.

Connie Sahn says

I received my copy of Feathers for Peacock as a prize from Goodreads. This is a lovely book! Helen Cann did a wonderful job with illustrations and the story is creative and one that young children will enjoy. I also appreciated the Fun Facts About Peacocks and About The Story at the end of the book.

Bonnie says

It's exactly how I got my Peacock feathers. ;)

Beverly says

An original tale inspired by and written as a folktale. Beautiful illustrations.

Rainey says

Beautiful illustrations.

Kristi Bernard says

When the world was young birds had not acquired their feathers. In the winter Peacock, Eagle and Owl along with many others birds would shiver in the winter. They would huddle together in caves or holes in the ground. Leaves were the next best thing to a blanket. The birds felt it wasn't fair that Fox had fur and Turtle had a shell. One night, all the animals met under the full moon and were promised to be clothed at dawn. When the dawn came, Peacock was still asleep. Peacock heard the noise of the birds singing praise for their new feathers. Peacock was sad. How did he miss out on feathers of his own? The other animals each donated a feather to Peacock. Do you suppose it worked?

Author Jacqueline Jules and illustrator Helen Cann have created a wonderful fable about why birds have such beautiful feathers. Wisdom Tales Press is well known for sharing stories with beautiful illustrations that surround readers with imagination and the "what if" possibilities. Parents and teachers will approve.

Christine Turner says

Long ago, when the world was brand new, all birds were naked. It wasn't fair. Foxes had fur. Turtles had shells. Birds deserved warm coats, too. Disgruntled, they approach the first full spring moon for advice. Birds of all shapes and sizes attend the meeting. Everyone except Peacock. He arrives on the scene late, to find his friends covered with warm, colorful feathers. Look at Peacock He s still naked All the birds stare at poor Peacock trembling in the cold night air. What will Peacock and his friends do? Find out in this beautiful and charming pourquoi story about kindness. Award-winning author Jacqueline Jules blends folktale motifs from around the world to offer an original explanation for why the peacock has such beautiful feathers. An appendix provides more information about peacocks. Helen Cann s stunning illustrations give young readers fun opportunities to identify the colors and plant life of spring. Feathers for Peacock is a gently humorous tale of generosity and friendship."

Notes

Jacqueline Jules is the author of over two dozen books for children, including the award-winning Zapato Power series and Never Say a Mean Word Again: A Tale from Medieval Spain. A former school librarian and teacher, Jacqueline enjoys visiting schools to share her passion for reading and writing. She is a word person, who loves rearranging words on the page, the same way people have fun fitting the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle together. She lives in Arlington, Virginia. Helen Cann's illustrations have graced the pages of almost thirty books. She has won several international awards, including the Nautilus Award and Junior Library Guild Award for Little Leap Forward and New York's Bank Street College award for Brigid's Cloak. Her books have been exhibited around the world. She loves to travel and has seen the Northern Lights, slept in an igloo, eaten reindeer with Sami herders, and journeyed 1,300 miles in a sailing boat across the North Atlantic searching for whales. Having painted in studios of all shapes and sizes, she now stirs up inspiration above the sugary smells of a milkshake shop in seaside Brighton, UK.

Subject: Birds -- Juvenile fiction.

Feathers -- Juvenile fiction.
Generosity -- Juvenile fiction.

Also read -- How Buzzard Got His Feathers

Vera Godley says

Many peoples and cultures have legends about birds and how they got their wings, or their chirp, or their feathers. It is interesting to read or hear these stories that have been passed down from generation to generation throughout the centuries.

In Feathers for Peacock we have an original story by a contemporary author, Jacqueline Jules, and beautifully illustrated by Helen Cann. It is not a folk-tale but it reads like one. Ms. Jules has created her own story. In the back of the book she also shares some fun facts about peacocks. Now about the book....

The story opens back when all the birds had no feathers and they were all sad. And then the moon helped and they all got beautiful feathers..... except..... Peacock. And he was sad.

When Moon saw he was so sad and the other birds as well, they all joined in sharing feathers of their own (not Moon, of course) so Peacock could have feathers.

But they were a messy mess of feathers. Then Moon said he'd fix it.

Peacock got his feathers and was proud and happy. The others had been kind and had shared. The legend type of story is gentle and sweet and will teach valuable lessons to little ones with whom the book is shared. This lovely book will be a good addition to school and home libraries.

I received a complimentary copy to facilitate this review. I was not compensated.

Kate Puleo Unger says

ages 4-6

This book is an original tale about how birds, and especially peacocks, got their feathers. It's a cute story about generosity. It's not very scientific - it talks about hibernating birds and featherless birds, but it's color and fun. I enjoyed the message and the style of writing.

<http://www.momsradius.com/2016/11/cyb...>

Danielle Hammelef says

I won this book with no conditions to review. This book is beautifully illustrated. I love the legend and think children and their parents would love reading this book together. The facts about peacocks and the "About the Story" sections at the end make this a complete tale.

Courtney says

2016. Concept 4. Good for the first week or for sharing week. About how the peacock got his color feathers.
