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So begins Jane Yolen's lyrical story of an unusual friendship. According to certain tales, faeries leave the underworld once a year to join in a faerie ring beneath the moonlight. On this magical night, a faerie boy meets a child of earth and the two become friends forever. Luminous paintings by award-winning artist Jane Dyer add to the magic.

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Holly Embry says

I first discovered this book during one of my college courses, but I can imagine it being one of my absolute favorites had I been introduced to it as a child. The flow of the words, the charming story, and the colorful illustrations would have mostly likely made this the type of book I would have begged my family member to read to me on a daily basis. It's perfect for the child (or adult!) with a big imagination. The rhythm and the rhymes create a predictable pattern of speech that is beneficial to beginning readers and exciting for experienced readers. I highly recommend reading this book to any child who wants to take a brief trip to an enchanted world during story time!

Todd Strader says

"He was a child of faerie folk.
A child of sky and air.
And she was a child of humankind.
Of earth and toil and care.
_They met in the dusk of Hallow's Eve.
_When widow's grievance
_In widow's weave.
_They met in the dark of Hallow's Eve,
She had flowers in her hair."

So begins Child of Faerie Child of Earth by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Jane Dyer. I love this picture book. I love the poetry, the imagery, the story line, the subject matter and of course the outstanding art. Like my own Snow Bloom (first draft soon), it weaves the mythos and traditions of simple peasants of the middle ages into a lyrical telling of a charming story.

Michaila says

The most adorable and beautiful thing I've ever read. So refreshing to read a fairy tale like story that doesn't have a romance in it, just the most beautiful friendship ever.

My only issue is that it encourages kids to eat food in the faerie realm, which is never a good idea, but I can look past that.

So much cuteness!!!

Manybooks says

Caressing and sweet, with a rhythmic and songlike lyricism (although the rhyming scheme and word choices

of Child of Faerie, Child of Earth unfortunately and a trifle annoyingly do feel somewhat awkwardly halting and forced at times, especially near the end of the presented narrative), Jane Yolen's evocation of a fairy/human friendship demonstrates not only the power of companionship, but also and much more importantly, essentially, that friendships can exist and flourish even across barriers and boundaries. For although both fairy and human child realise that their beings, that their cultures and needs are too different for them to permanently reside in each other's realms, their mutual affection, strengthened by fond remembrances of the time spent together and occasional visits, endures forever, strongly and intensely. Jane Dyer's accompanying illustrations are both luminous and realistic, both magical and earthy (in other words, they are both fairy-like and humanistic in scope) not only complimenting Yolen's text, but also at times expanding on the latter (visually demonstrating for example, that both humans and fairies age, an intriguing and imaginative touch, different from the status quo that so very often presents fairies as eternally fresh faced and youthful in appearance). Highly recommended, especially as a read-aloud or read-along, my mild issues with the quality of the rhyming scheme notwithstanding.

Jenny says

Love this beautifully illustrated book about a faerie boy and human girl who meet and develop a friendship. I love the poetic language, the gorgeous illustrations and the relationship that develops between the two.

Charlotte says

Forever my favorite.

Erin says

What a lovely book. My five year old daughter loved it just like I did.

Dolly says

With ethereal images of fairies and the wonders of nature, this story in verse is a magical tale for Halloween that is quite unlike most tales that celebrate this holiday.

The pairing of Jane Yolen and Jane Dyer is a wonderful combination of artistry in words and pictures.

This story was selected as one of the books for the June 2016 - Fairies reads at the Picture-Book Club in the Children's Books Group here at Goodreads.

John says

A great storybook in verse! This is my toddler's favorite book right now (she initially called it "faerie boy blue!" book but once I corrected her color choice it just became "Faerie child book!"). Beautiful illustrations and catchy, winsome poetry make this an enjoyable read with a lesson underneath. Highly recommended!

SamZ says

A fun rhyme that brings to mind the difference between the original concept of faerie and the current, fluttery, magical fairies that are popular today. I did really enjoy the illustrations in this one, and the rhyme was beautiful!

Beverly says

I thought this was a lovely story about an unusual friendship and I also loved the illustrations. This story differs from some traditional fairy stories in which the human who enters the fairy world seems to stay one night, but in actuality, has been there several years. And, as Gundula pointed out, it departs from tradition by showing the fairy as an elderly man, instead of immortal. Yolen text + Dyer illustrations = magic!

Orion Kopf says

My mom thinks this book is a little irresponsible telling children to traipse into Faerie and eat their food, but she liked the story and illustrations. I mostly cried while she read it but maybe I'll like it more later.

Melissa says

This is a beautiful book. When my daughter was a toddler it was one of her favorites. I find very I have very little middle ground with Yolen, I really love it or I don't. This one I really love.

Joleen says

Too put this book in simple words. Beautiful. Whimsical art work an lyrically written.

Danni Green says

Lovely story! Really appreciated the loving, lifelong committed relationship of two opposite-gender individuals with no suggestion that they were romantically or sexually involved, nor any assumption about the nature of their relationship based on their genders.
