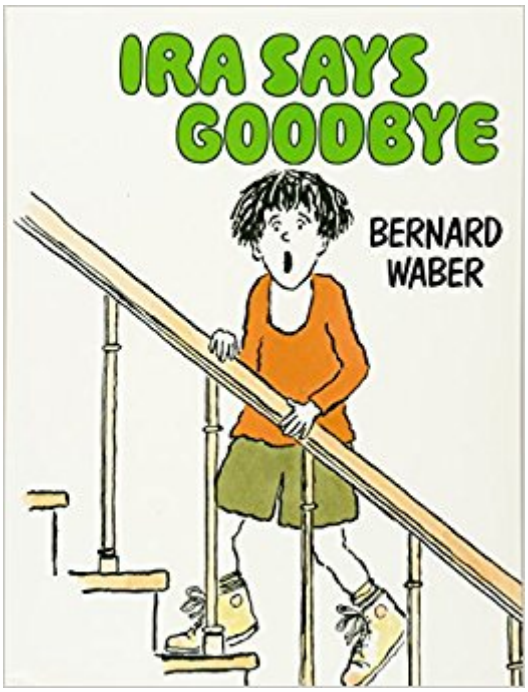
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Synopsis

Ira confronts several emotions when he learns his best friend Reggie is moving away.

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

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Customer Reviews

The immensely likable Ira (Ira Sleeps Over) returns, in a story that explores a common childhood dilemmathe parting of best friends when one moves away. Ira's distress upon learning that Reggie is moving to Greendale is compounded by his friend's apparent delight. All Reggie can talk about is how terrific his new home will be; doesn't he care about leaving Ira behind? Ira discovers that Reggie, in his own way, is just as distraught as he is, and the book closes with plans for a weekend reun ion. Waber's appealing, freestyle, slightly cartoony illustrations, coupled with his matter-of-fact text, provide an often funny, always revealing look at children's feelings when they have to say goodbye to someone dear to them. The author's portrayals of the confusing array of emotions are wryly accurate, from Ira's reminiscences of shared moments and his bewilderment at Reggie's outlook to his own feigned indifference ("I will jump for joy the day Reggie moves away," he unconvincingly asserts). A warm, wise and ultimately reassuring book. Ages 4-8. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

PreSchool-Grade 4 Best friends Ira and Reggie, whom readers will remember from Ira Sleeps Over (Houghton, 1972), are backbut not for long. Reggie is moving out of town. With much humor and a clear sense of what is important to children, Waber portrays the range of feelings and emotions that accompanies this move. At first both boys are upset at the prospect, then Reggie gets excited about his expectations of his new town (``In Greendale, all people do is have fun,'' watching a killer shark that snorts and riding the thriller rides in the park), making Ira even more upset, and angry. As Reggie is about to leave, though, he bursts into tears and the two boys reconcile. Later that afternoon Reggie calls from Greendale to invite Ira for a weekend visit. Cheerful full-page and vignette watercolors on large white pages bring Ira's first-person narrative alive with style. Ira's concerns reflect those of any child in a similar situation, but its humor is even more universal, so there should be a wide and responsive audience for this funny and moving book. David Gale, ``School Library Journal''Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Helped my niece (and me, really) process my moving far away. She wanted it read to her every night for a month before I left. Just looking at the cover picture makes me wistful.

This is a great book for families who are preparing to move. Fits well with the rest of the training we've received on going through transition.

Great price

Well-written, entertaining, and very useful for children who are missing friends or family.

We got this book for our granddaughters when they moved to Texas. This book helped us with some of the feelings we were all feeling about leaving friends and family. I would recommend it to anyone. It is great for adults too. We also loved Ira Sleeps Over.....

This is a wonderful story for any & every child who has been faced with the trauma of seeing their best friend move away to a far distant place or having to move away themselves. It is vivid in describing the feelings that have to be endured & also offers hope & consolatiion.

This story is a really cute follow up to the original, "Ira Sleeps Over".

We are moving mid-year and bought this to donate to my son’s classroom. It is a very cute story, but not quite what I had in mind. More so for two very close friends.

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