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Synopsis

A New York Times Notable Book of the YearA NPR.org Best Book of the YearGold Medal Winner - Society of Illustrators' Original Art Show, 2015What happens when two shy children meet at a very crowded pool? Dive in to find out! Deceptively simple, this masterful book tells a story of quiet moments and surprising encounters, and reminds us that friendship and imagination have no bounds.

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Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 2Ã¢â ¬â •This unique and elegant wordless adventure follows a timid boy's foray into a crowded public pool. Due to the crash of humanity cramming the water with their comical bulk and myriad of blow-up gear, the goggled hero dives deep and discovers a female counterpart, who leads him to a forest of fantastic aquatic creatures and plants. Some fish are friendly enough to pat; others embrace the children into their school. A group of fiercer-looking fish flee, allowing the humans to enjoy a white whale's visit. The tamer underwater inhabitants lead the children back to the surface for their return to the deck. Lee's artistic choices are brilliant. The rowdy crowd is depicted in black, white, and gray line drawings and contrasts with the joyful aquatic world in colored pencils and pastels. The large format and the artist's generous use of solid space greatly expand the journey's vistas. VERDICT Lee's debut picture book is a swan dive.Ã¢â ¬â •Gay Lynn Van

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"A masterful wordless book that celebrates quiet moments and new friendship."--Creator's Syndicatehttp://smithsonianapa.org/bookdragon/pool-by-jihyeon-lee/Wherever you are, whatever your background, that first open page will surely be beckoning you to dive right in."Will stay with you even after you close the book and resurface."--The Boston Globe"This wordless book has details that urge storytelling and repeat examinations."--Raleigh News and Observier"This wordless book has details that urge storytelling and repeat examinations." - Fort Worth Star-Telegram Best Books of 2015"The wide range of facial expressions on humans and fish alike encourage re-reading."-School Library Connection"The message is wordless but clear: don't stay safely on the surface but dive deep to find friendship and wonder.. a delight."--Kirkus Reviews"That arresting cover delivers on its promises. Beauty, whimsy, stillness, imagination."--This Picture Book Life"So many sweet little surprises in this story!"-- Design Mom"Perfect for preschoolers (and anyone with an imagination!)."--Good Housekeeping"Opens the reader to miracles that can be uncovered in ordinary situations."--The New York Times"Makes you think, works on many different levels, and does it all without a single word, plunge right into Pool ."--Nerdy Book Club"Expect something more exciting than a swim lesson."--The Horn Book Magazine"Diving into the unknown can be an exhilarating and magical experience"--T: The New York Times Style Magazine"Combines imaginative power and emotional restraint... An auspicious and memorable debut."--Publishers Weekly, starred review"Brilliant. Lee's debut picture book is a swan dive."--School Library Journal, starred review"An enchanting story of wonder and friendship. Dive right in."--BookPage"A wordless masterpiece of space, scale, and silence... wonderful beyond words from cover to cover."--Brain Pickings"A wondrous, wordless tale of a girl and boy and the magical world they discover once they brave the depths of a pool."- New York Times Notable Book of The Year"A wonderful addition to any library, home or classroom."--Montreal Gazette"A quiet tribute to the beauty of hidden depths."--The Wall Street Journal

One of the most beautiful picture books I have ever seen. The figures of people and animals, the use of color is imaginative and alluring. Color gradually becomes more intense parallel with the development of a gripping story of the forming of a relationship between two shy children. In this rendering of the most gripping and universal human experiences no words are necessary, a tribute to the author's imaginative and artistic capabilities.

Pool is wordless picture book of many contrasts: silence/noise, stillness/activity, black & white/colour, reality/imagination, surface/depth. I think these are some of the reasons it works so well. The relationship between the two main protagonists is powerful in its simplicity. From their initial hesitation on meeting, the boy and girl develop a close bond in their underwater adventure. The world they explore has been vividly imagined by JiHyeon Lee. One of my favourite spreads is the ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Ëœmagic forestÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢, with its coral-like trees, snout-nosed fish and weird blue-shelled sea creatures.'Pool' is a celebration of friendship and the power of the imagination. There is so much to explore in the depths of each page. I could come back to it time and time again.

Love the books where you make up the story from the pictures, super fun for granddaughter...

I used this book as a writing prompt in my classroom, as it contains illustrations only. I had my students create their own stories based upon the pictures and then they had the chance to read other people's variations on the story! It was total fun and the students were extremely engaged.

Beautiful and imaginative.

Excellent.....my grandchildren loved itÃƒÂ¢Ã Â•Ã Â¤ÃƒÂ Ã Â¸Ã Â•

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We love looking at each illustration and finding funny things happening. This is a good book for calming at bed time and it's fun to discuss the illustrations.

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