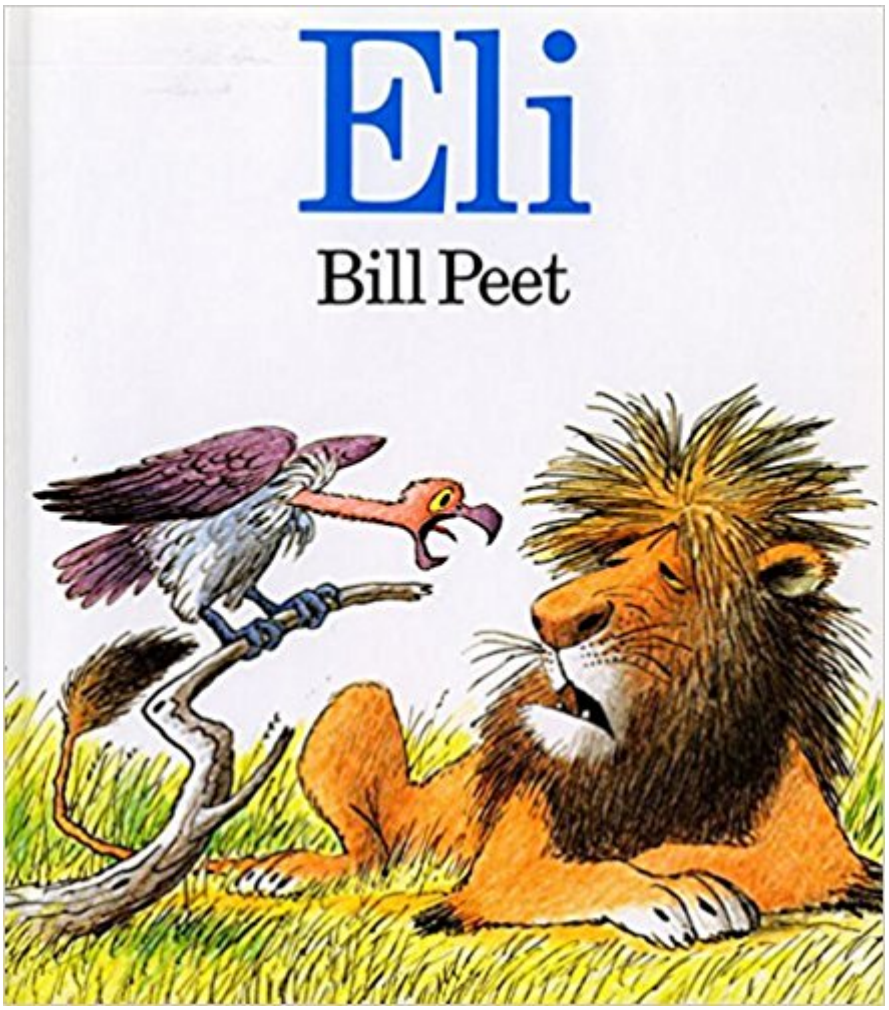
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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

"The bright, well-colored illustrations are as delightful and friendly as the theme of the story -- friendship." Christian Science Monitor

Bill Peet was the author of 34 books published by Houghton Mifflin. One of these, BILL PEET: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY, was named a 1989 Caldecott Honor Book. All of Bill PeetÃ¢â ¬â„¢s books published by Houghton Mifflin Company, including his first book for children published in 1959, HUBERT’S HAIR-RAISING ADVENTURE, remain actively in print today. In both his career as an author and illustrator of childrenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s books and in his work as sketch artist and continuity illustrator at Walt Disney, Bill Peet created a menagerie of memorable characters. As he himself noted, "I write about animals because I love to draw them. Most of my animal characters have human personalities, and some are much like the people I know."At Walt Disney, where Bill Peet worked for 27 years, he was a key participant in the production of classic films such as Fantasia, Sleeping Beauty, Alice in Wonderland, Peter Pan, and 101 Dalmatians for which he was not only an

artist, but the screenwriter as well. Bill PeetÃ¢â ¬â„¢s signature style enabled him to create fast-paced stories of fantastical adventure delivered with warmth and laugh-out-loud hilarity. His unfailing humor did not, however, prevent him from addressing such poignant issues as kindness toward others and respect for the environment. Through the exploits of his characters, Peet offered his audience a chance to see themselves and their world through new eyes."At some point," Bill Peet once said, "it occurred to me that drawing was something I couldnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t possibly give up, and somehow it must be turned into a profession." He went on to not only fulfill his dream but to introduce generations of young readers to his delightful vision of humor, friendship and compassion.

Bill Peet is one of my favorite kids book authors. I read these as a kid, got them for my kids, nieces and nephews and have put away a set for for my grandchildren someday. The stories and characters are always well designed and draw kids in. The illustrations are bright and colorful while still being somewhat simplistic giving them a lovable cartoon appearance. The stories have great moral and life lessons told in a fun way. These stories have stood the test of time and have been loved by many in my family

Bill Peet is a wonderful author and illustrator. His stories and illustrations are HILARIOUS.The easy to follow, relatable plots with nice, neat endings are perfect for the younger set. And they all have a message that parents can discuss with their kids.Eli is a sweet (but always funny) story about an unorthodox way of making and being a friend.I had a copy of Cyrus when I was a kid and loved it. Wish I'd known there were more.

Bill Peet books have been entertaining us, our children, and our grandchildren for years! I love the narrative, whether it's rhyming or not. The illustrations are excellent and the stories are addicting! Love them!

I discovered Bill Peet's books when my children were little. Their teacher introduced them to the kids, along side his autobiography. I had no idea he was one of the main animators for Walt Disney, drawing all my favorite characters from Sword in the Stone, Cinderella, Peter Pan, etc. His own books such as Eli have the same loving illustrations and great story lines. Love them all.

Eli is a fine book for teaching to look for value even in others who are not in your circles. The physical quality of the book was tops as well.

Great story for a child.

Bill Peet books are classics. Today's parents likely grew on a heavy diet of these stories which is why we come back to them again for OUR children.

What a wonderful book for children. A great tale about unlikely friends and wrong first impressions. Bill Peet is a genius!If you like Bill Peet, also check out The Caboose Who Got Loose and the Gnats of Notty Pine, our other family favorites.

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