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Cherry Sullivan prefers reading books to playing with the other children in her class. They make fun of her for being plump, and they are not nearly as entertaining as the adventures she reads about. Though she's shy and keeps to herself, Cherry secretly longs for a friend.

When she discovers a stray dog at her father's animal shelter that is also plump and shy (and a bit wrinkly), she names her Olive and they become fast friends. Cherry finds the courage within herself to stand up for the dog and protect her—something she has not been able to do for herself.

Beautifully illustrated, this touching story is sure to strike a chord with all who have ever felt a little lonely and yearned for a friend.

## Cherry and Olive Details

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## From Reader Review Cherry and Olive for online ebook

### Chivitouille says

Un cuento corto con una historia sencilla pero a la vez muy conmovedora.

En comparación con los otros libros que he tenido la dicha de leer, éste tiene una magia diferente, es más cercana a la realidad, sin tanta fantasía.

Los dibujos como siempre están llenos de detalles, en lo personal la técnica de dibujo que usa para detallar el suéter de Cereza, aunque en apariencia no es muy complicada, realmente da la impresión y la sensación de que es muy abultado.

Otro detalle es que en la habitación de Cereza hay una muñeca de Sally (El extraño mundo de Jack) el cual me encanto! Como buena fan de Tim Burton no pude evitar emocionarme.

A pesar de que la gran mayoría de estos libros no cuentan con muchas páginas, lo que realmente vale mucho la pena son los dibujos y el estilo de Lacombe, a mi me encantan y por esto, tener la oportunidad de conseguir un libro ilustrado por él es toda una dicha.

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### Miss V says

Wunderschöne Geschichte über Außenseiter\*innen, aber viel wichtiger - ein Shar Pei tritt auf! Wie süß ist das denn? Die Zeichnungen sind detailverliebt, der Text kurz und bunt wie er in Kinderbüchern sein sollte. Einfach nur schön.

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### Writerlibrarian says

Adorable, yet bittersweet tale of a young girl who doesn't fit because of her name "Cerise", her weight, being motherless.

Benjamin Lacombe succeeded in showing the loneliness and difference of Cerise through amazing illustrations the details like the books chosen to fill Cerise's library, her over sized pullover everything built up to Cerise finding the strength to open herself up and find friendship and inner strength she didn't know she had.

Benjamin Lacombe is in his mid-twenties, an amazing illustrator, writer, over all artist. Well worth discovering. Next on my list : Généalogie d'une sorcière.

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### Gabrielle Blockton says

Date: September 29th, 2014

Author: Benjamin Lacombe

Title: Cherry and Olive

Plot: Cherry Sullivan (the girl who hates cherries) is a city girl who lives with her father, who works in the animal shelter next to their apartment. Cherry is a very quiet girl that does not want to be noticed by anyone, including her classmates and Angelo, a boy that she likes, but is afraid to approach. She finds a friend in a

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quiet dog who is in the shelter whom she calls Olive. She wants to keep Olive, but is afraid that his owner might come for him in the animal shelter within the month. Will Cherry and Olive remain together or will they be torn apart?

Setting: The City (various places)

Characters: Cherry Sullivan; Mr. Sullivan, Angelo, Olive/Chocolate

Point-of-View: Third-Person

Theme: Friendship; Sticking up for yourself

Style: Narrative; Irregular-shaped characters

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Notes: This was a very good book. I loved the illustrations and the story of a lonely girl who escapes with books and her imagination and becomes friends with a dog she meets at a animal shelter. For me, the illustrations make the characters memorable (even their clothes are memorable). This is a great book to for both male and female readers to discuss friendships.

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## **Tizire says**

Vagar por una librería sin un objetivo determinado tiene sus peligros: no es raro que me pase por la sección de álbumes ilustrados y me acabe leyendo uno del tirón... Juro que no lo hago adrede, pero no lo puedo evitar, y eso es lo que sucedió con el librito que hoy les muestro: "Cereza, Guinda". Cereza es una niña regordeta que pasa mucho tiempo sola, pues sus compañeros se ríen de ella por su físico; si no fuera por los libros, que le encantan, su vida sería insoportablemente triste... Un día va a ayudar a su padre, que trabaja en una perrera, y conoce a Guinda, una sharpei que parece haberse perdido. Cereza la pide a su padre quedársela, pero éste le dice que eso sólo será posible si nadie reclama a Guinda antes de un mes... Se inicia entonces una maravillosa amistad entre la niña y la perra que comparten grandes momentos y se apoyan mutuamente, pues ambas son despreciadas por su físico.

"Cereza, Guinda" es una breve y sencilla historia que habla del bullying y la soledad infantil sin ser dramática, sino con un toque optimista que hará que los niños que estén en la situación de Cereza no se sientan mal, sino todo lo contrario. Este es uno de los primeros trabajos de Lacombe y quizás el dibujo no esté tan pulido como en obras posteriores, pero transmite fuerza y un estilo propio. No puedo dejar de recomendar esta historia llena de encanto y animarles a descubrir qué pasa finalmente con Cereza y Guinda: creo que tanto a los peques como a los adultos este afrutado título les dejará muy buen sabor de boca.

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## **Melki says**

Sweet story of a lonely little girl who befriends an odd looking shelter dog. The illustrations by the author are just lovely, and the whole book has a marvelous European feel to it.

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### **Yi Ly says**

Un historia cortita pero llena de emociones. <3

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### **Marine says**

Que dire si ce n'est "Oh les gars c'est un Benjamin Lacombe c'est forcément une pépite" ! Cerise est une petite fille un peu renfermée sur elle même, un peu timide, elle est amoureuse d'un garçon en secret mais elle n'oserait même pas imaginé que lui puisse éprouver la même chose. Un jour, elle fait la rencontre de son chien "Griotte" et bammmmm..

Vous n'avez plus qu'à le lire si vous voulez découvrir la suite.

Les illustrations de Benjamin Lacombe sont toujours très chouettes. Dès les premières pages j'étais subjuguée, notamment grâce aux références Disney que Monsieur Lacombe a inclut dans ses premières pages <3

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### **Léonie says**

Une histoire toute mignonne ?

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### **Denise says**

Cherry Sullivan is a very shy girl and keeps to herself most of the time. When she's not engrossed in a book, she's very lonely. That is, until she forms an attachment to a dog at the animal shelter where her father works. Things don't turn out as Cherry hopes, but possibly even better than she imagined.

The illustrations are absolutely fabulous, and if you look closely, you'll see at least one hint at some other work this author/illustrator has done. Cherry is not overjoyed by much, but the dog she names Olive brings joy to her life. Cherry's eyes seem to look right into your soul as you read this book. This is a heartfelt, touching story that isn't gushing.

This is book more suitable for elementary students, rather than preschoolers.

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### **Melissa Morgal says**

Decent book. It would be a good book to have in the classroom but I wouldn't use it as a mentor text. It comes across sad to me, evening at the ending.

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### **Bonnie says**

*'Cherry Sullivan prefers reading books to playing with the other children in her class.'*

Substitute the name 'Cherry' with 'Bonnie' and that's my life story. :)

Cherry is a little plump and the other kids at school make fun of her but she remains quiet, never saying anything anything in response to their cruel words. She helps her father out at his job at the animal shelter after school which is where she discovers a wrinkly little dog she names Olive. The two become fast friends and when the same girls that pick on her at school start making fun of Olive, she finally finds the courage to stand up to them.

Very cute story with beautiful illustrations, I will definitely be keeping an eye out for more from Benjamin Lacombe.

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### **Esther says**

Magistral, entrañable, tierno, bonito, qué digo bonito, precioso....  
Muy Lacombe.  
Opinión completa: <http://www.buscandomiequilibrio.com/2...>

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### **Patricia says**

Una tierna y adorable historia con unas ilustraciones preciosas de rapidísima lectura.

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### **Cata says**

Lido e relido no espaço de 1h para a #mmlittlechristmas e ainda gostei mais da releitura. A história é fofinha e comovente e a arte é excepcional (algo que já esperava, afinal é feita por Benjamin Lacombe)

E tenho vontade de reler. OUTRA VEZ.  
5\* bem merecidas

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