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When Stick rescues Stone from a prickly situation with a Pinecone, the pair becomes fast friends. But when Stick gets stuck, can Stone return the favor?

Author Beth Ferry makes a memorable debut with a warm, rhyming text that includes a subtle anti-bullying message even the youngest reader will understand. New York Times bestselling illustrator Tom Lichtenheld imbues Stick and Stone with energy, emotion, and personality to spare.

In this funny story about kindness and friendship, Stick and Stone join George and Martha, Frog and Toad, and Elephant and Piggie, as some of the best friend duos in children's literature.

Stick and Stone Details

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Akoss says

This book was a sweet and "oh" so well written book about friendship, what it means and how it can change your life for the better.

The sentences are shorts and perfectly matched the illustrations, one page after the other. We absolutely loved reading it and cannot wait to add it to our own library!

Laura says

I know everyone probably says this after reading Stick and Stone, *but* it's rather irresistible...

Friends who stick up for each other rock!!! :)

A simple story that says so much with so few words. Friendship and fun shine through in the words and pictures. There's even a bubble page! :D Bubbles dancing and floating off in the wind! These bright, clear pictures and messages make this book a hit in my book.

Fun and easy to read for young readers. Inspirational words to live by for all.

Be sure to pick this one up at your local Library or bookstore.

Highly recommended.

Jennifer says

Great book for kids of all ages to show that "sticking" up for your friends "rocks" :-)

Margie says

Sticks and stones can be used to make homes. Stones and sticks can be used to shape words in dirt or sand. Sticks and stones can be used to channel water. Stones and sticks can be used to bring imagined miniature worlds into reality in fields, woodlands or even backyards. With skill they can supply warmth through fire. They hold, hide, mark, filter, and form. They are indispensable.

Together they are better. Stick and Stone (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, April 7, 2015) written by Beth Ferry with illustrations by Tom Lichtenheld introduces us to a stick and a stone who discover the benefits of not

being alone. They fashion a friendship, firm and true.

My full recommendation: <http://librariansquest.blogspot.com/2...>

cookiemonger says

Meh.

I was looking through children's books for presents, and the art made this one stand out. It also promised an anti-bullying message, which I can get behind.

It didn't really deliver, though. The rhyming choice was fine, but the rhymes were all overly simple. Grammar and natural language were occasionally left behind. And the story... Well.

Stick and Stone are both alone and lonely. Then they meet in a not very interesting way. Pinecone makes fun of Stone, but a single word from Stick makes Pinecone go away. Seriously, he just says, "Vanish!" If I could have gotten rid of bullies that way... Then Stick and Stone play some more in a BFF montage, and a tornado whisks away Stick and Pinecone. Stick turns up stuck in a puddle, and Stone saves him. The end.

I don't really see the anti-bully message here. Pinecone being a bully isn't really established, addressed, or even explained. And the storm bit just seems tacked on, like the book wasn't long enough. It could have been longer if it had committed to its anti-bully message. Still, the art is cute, so you can just ignore all of the words. Saying it's a picture book is no excuse. Piggies in the Pumpkin Patch is a picture book about prepositions, with a simple exploration-return-home plot. The writing in that book blows this one out of the water.

"Best friendship." Ugh. Not gifting this book.

Edward Sullivan says

Simple, warm, winning friendship story.

Melanie says

Charming. Love the rhythm that the repeat creates.

Shaikhah says

So cute for kids

Mary says

A rhyming picture book about making and keeping a friend. Much is conveyed with the sparse text and rich visual humor that will encourage meaningful discussions about friendships. Readers of all ages will appreciate the visual puns.

Cheryl says

I'm sure there are plenty of other picture-books about friendship, but I'm also sure few are as adorable, fun, and relate-able as this one.

Rosy says

I've never wanted to hug two characters as much as I want to hug them and be her friend!

ADORABLE story

ADORABLE illustrations

ADORABLE characters

I'm sorry, I just loved it soooooo much!!!

I must admit I was ready to cry when Stone couldn't find Stick. I may have been tempted to close the book, but shhh!

Stephen Adams says

Opening:

[Holding book in lap] "Students when we think of characters, what are some of our favorite characters from books we've read?" [Allow students to respond] "Well what would you think if our main characters were. . ." [Reveal book from lap] "a stick and a stone? What kind of story could we have about a stick and a stone? Do you think they could be friends?" [Allow responses] "Sticks and stones are very different, but are all of our friends the same as ourselves?" [Wait for group response] That's right, we need many different people to make our life interesting, we don't all want to just spend time with ourselves right? Let's see what happens to Stick and Stone." [Begin reading]

Opening moves & rationalization:

Ask children to make connections to a previously read text

By asking students about their favorite characters from other books you can get students excited by remembering these tales from their past. This can lead them to look forward to the characters in the book they are about to read.

Raise questions to spark curiosity

Students will know what a stone and stick are, but what kind of adventure could they have? How can a rock and stick become friends? Allowing students to grasp with these strange questions can perk their excitement about learning how this came to be.

Lay the groundwork for children's understanding of diverse settings and people

Students will have some experience with seeing people with surface level differences. By pointing out how different a stick and stone are students can get excited to see how a friendship will develop.

J L's Bibliomania says

Despite having the fewest words, the story of the unlikely friendship between Stick and Stone was the best of the picture books I read during the October 2016 edition of Dewey's 24-hour Readathon. The spare text of Stick and Stone builds to a satisfying conclusion and I loved the illustrations by Tom Lichtenheld. This book would have been on frequent rotation if it had been available when my sons were in pre-school.

Meredith says

Super cute, and great book about friendship. I absolutely love the pictures. Can't wait to read this one to a group.

Kelli says

This is such a sweet rhyming story. Light on text with a simple, fun illustrations, this story of friendship is well-suited for toddlers yet my seven-year-old asked me to take this out out of the library. "I love STICK AND STONE!" he said. So do I, bud...so do I. 4 stars.
