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As Grasshopper sets out to follow a road, he meets some unusual characters.

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From Reader Review Grasshopper on the Road for online ebook

Rebecca says

A nice reader about the adventures that a grasshopper finds along the road.

Danielle Delahunty says

This is one of the best books ever written and it's only a level reader.

A level reader uses vocabulary appropriate for a particular reading level and is usually devoid of plot.

This level reader is insightful and allegorical and biblical in its proportions. You heard me right. Next time you are in a room of adults with toddlers, bring up an Arnold Lobel title (Like Frog and Toad are Friends) and every parent will start amazing you with plot lines like so many children's variety show personalities... and I will tell you why.

What he wrote delights a person to share them, and ALSO delights the recipient to hear them. Don't ask me how. Just know that these level readers have every literary device used in adult fiction, but are restricted to level vocabulary and typical children's characters and settings.

Grasshopper On the Road is about The Everyman's journey through life meeting different personalities, but learning to retain one's self.

Grasshopper meets some weird characters and all of them lay a trap on him for not becoming like them, but Grasshopper resists. In the end, his journey has been effective, because he has retained his own self along the way.

Oh, but you don't care. You, along with your child, just laughed at the sweet little characters and funny dialog. But what happens to you is a little more profound. You can never forget these stories, now. Like a parent story zombie, whenever in life there is a trigger, you will recite the plot quite easily and someone else will then go read it.

I support the saying, "If it is worth buying, you do not have to sell it." Well this book will never need advertising. The drones will take care of it.

And now my job is done here.

Angie says

ReadtheShelf Challenge

I do not remember ever reading this one as a kid. I wonder if I did.

Anyway. It's not quite on the level of Frog and Toad but still. I am amazed at the level of writing. Simple, simple words ... but loads of meaning behind them!

Sally Anderson says

The final passage goes like this:

"The world was quiet again.

The sky became dark.

Grasshopper watched the moon

rising over the land.

He watched the stars come out.

He was happy

to be walking slowly

down the road.

Grasshopper was tired.

He lay down in a soft place.

He knew that in the morning

the road would still be there,

taking him on and on

to wherever

he wanted to go."

Having just hiked my way across Wales, I am seeing the ending with new eyes. It's so simple, but powerful and full of beauty. It evoked the same sense of comfort that I had every night at the B&Bs sandwiched between my long days of walking across valleys, up hills, and over icy streams. The relief, the joy, the PEACE. Ugh. More than any other part of the book, the last two pages have a special place in my heart.

Machiko says

Grasshopper, do you really do something different every day of your life?

Always, said Grasshopper.

Always and always!

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Grasshopper was tired. He lay down in a soft place. He knew that in the morning the road would still be there, taking him on and on to wherever he wanted to go.

To read often with everyone, best read out loud.

Emmalyn says

This book is so lit

John says

This is one of my favorite books to read to the kids. It is well written and some of the situations seem silly at first glance, but the book has a good message. Grasshopper meets all sorts of interesting "people" along the way and each provides a life lesson. I especially like the part where Grasshopper meets the beetles and how he reacts to them. Recommended.

Ruksana says

One of Lobel's most charming works, which I may have missed as a child, or else forgotten.

There is a dense, fabulist texture to these simple stories of a grasshopper traveling from place to place, meeting various insects. The grasshopper's sanguine, live-and-let-live attitude allows us to appreciate the idiosyncrasies of characters like morning beetles, routine-bound butterflies, and the proud mosquito. It reminds me that living in a community, any community, will run you up against a host of personalities, some more mystifying than others—but that ultimately, sticking to your own road and journeying your own journey is the way forward.

I love Arnold Lobel.

Tina Hoggatt says

At first I thought this book was a parable of the Republican party. Then I realized it was an existential work about being here now and finding yourself. I liked that better.

Polly says

I'm very fond of Grasshopper and his adventures.

Andrea says

I love the short stories and Arnold Lobel's illustrations in this book. I really liked the first story, "The Club."

Malakai Kong says

GRASSHOPPER ON THE ROAD is a great book. Grasshopper wanted to go on a journey. First, he met beetles. The beetles said, "Morning is Tops." Second, he met a worm. The worm said, "There is a hole in my roof," because Grasshopper took a bite of the apple that the worm was living in. Third, he met a housefly. The housefly swept dust in his eyes. Fourth, he met a mosquito. The mosquito said, "You must hop in my boat." Fifth, he met butterflies. The butterflies do the same thing everyday. Sixth, he met dragonflies. The dragonflies led him to a comfy place. Last, he went to sleep.

Casey Munro says

This is such a pleasant book to read. Tonight at bed time, I was the one saying "one more chapter...one more chapter...".

Leiera Monae says

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