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Friends Yak and Dove are complete opposites. Yak is large and Dove is small. Yak has fur and Dove has feathers. Yak is polite. Dove is ill-mannered. Yak likes quiet. Dove likes noise. One day as Yak and Dove list their differences they come to the conclusion that maybe they aren't meant to be friends. In the hope of finding a new best friend, Yak holds auditions. But when a small feathered contestant sings Yak's favorite song, the two begin to think that maybe they are alike after all...

## **Yak and Dove Details**

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### Sense361 says

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I liked it. The stories are sweet and funny. All of them are about friendship. Also children can learn all the differences between a yak and a dove.

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### Laura says

Why are friends, friends? Do we want an echo of ourselves? Do we want our friends to agree with everything we do, and say, and want? Or do we want someone who has different ideas, likes different things, and is, well different.

The story of Yak and Dove tells the story of two unlikely friends. I like how they talk about themselves. Here is where they are comparing each other:

You have feathers and I have fur.  
You can be a little too quiet.  
You can be a little too loud.  
And you are smelly, Yak.  
And you are ill-mannered, Dove.  
You never share your chocolate!  
You make fun of my feet!

And yet, despite all this, they are still friends, although, at that point in the story, they wonder if that is really true.

This is actually a series of three short stories in one, all exploring why, despite their differences, Yak and Dove still are good friends.

Cute, clever book, letting kids know that it is ok to not only be different, but for your friends to be different as well, but it is probably a good thing to choose a friend who will not eat you.

Check out Kyo's other book *Spork* which is about being mixed race, so to speak.

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### David Schaafsma says

"Find a friend that won't eat you."

Three stories of friendship and struggle between two very different friends, Yak and Dove. In the first, Dove shares his wish with Yak that they might be twins who think alike. Which they clearly don't. Dove just wants

Yak to be a bit more like Dove! So they fight, and stop being friends, and Yak holds a contest to see who can replace Dove as his best friend. A wolf wins, prompting the above advice, which is for my money the most useful and interesting advice in this book. Runner-up is Dove, who wants a second chance. In the third story they come to accept each other's differences.

The art is lovely, some of it is funny, the story goes on a bit long, but it is uniquely told (the three story approach) and quirky enough to win a few smiles from me. I would say 3.5, rounding up.

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### **Sierra Dean says**

This book was so adorable. It's about being friends with those who aren't exactly like you. The story is sweet, and at a few points had me wiping back tears. Just a lovely, beautifully illustrated book. Great one to pick up if you have any parents with little ones on your Christmas list.

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### **orangerful says**

I love this book and the illustrations and Dove and Yak's friendship. Give it to fans of 'Elephant and Piggie' who love reading about two friends who compliment each other in their personalities (even if they don't always compliment each other when they are together)

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### **Jeimy says**

I love this story! It perfectly encapsulates how opposites can be friends. I am going to recommend it to my school's lower elementary teachers and guidance counselors.

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### **Jackie says**

Great children's book! I got it from BookCon and put it into my babysitting bag. Read it to the kids for a bedtime story and they loved it. I'm glad it included some large vocabulary words, because they were able to learn some new things. :)

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### **Christine, says**

A picture book with three different stories, Maclear's Yak and Dove represents his traditional simplistic and moralistic style of storytelling paired with sweet water-colored and colored-penciled illustrations. Similarly to Shireen's Neti and the Bird, Yak and Dove are unlikely friends and the theme of embracing differences stays consistent throughout the plot. Hilariously, Yak and Dove begin their story by contemplating what it would be like if they were twins, concluding in an obvious fight that is soon resolved in the second story. Yak wants a new friend who above all values fine music and furriness but learns to appreciate the friend he already has. The plot changes directions, ending with a contemplative, quiet garden chapter--another modern and relevant theme of turning off technology and all of life's static. Maclear always intuitively incorporates

subtle commentary on humanity, and in another pre-school to 3rd grade read, maintains his authenticity and heart-felt interconnectivity.

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### **Linda says**

This story holds lovely pictures of all kinds of animals and a story about friendship. Will Yak and Dove who are so very different find ways to stop arguing and renew their friendship? A smart marmot helps by holding auditions, a bit of humor there, and quite a bit of disagreement, but at last, Yak and Dove realize they can find ways to be friends.

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### **Ryan says**

This story almost seems to be three different stories woven into one. The Yak and the Dove are friends, but they are not twins. Finding a new friend can be hard. And one has to learn the love the noisy quiet. A fun book of back and forth between two friends.

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### **Morris says**

“Yak and Dove” may be my new favorite children’s book ever. The story of friendship, both the ups and downs, is beautiful. The artwork is stunning. It’s the type of work that I want to hang all over the house. This is sure to be a classic and I encourage anyone with children in their lives (or without) to pick up a copy. I’ll be picking up several.

Five (hundred) enthusiastic stars!

This unbiased review is based upon a complimentary copy provided by the publisher.

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### **Kathleen says**

Thank you to NetGalley and Penguin Random House Canada for the ARC of this book!

Am I the only one who didn't like this book?? The story was uninteresting and the plot was absent (was there a plot?); the moral was weak. Yak and Dove's illustrations were beautiful and unique but the writing felt banal and severely unfinished. I'd pass this one up for other more interesting and charming children's books like Shelter. Nightmare.

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### **Vikki VanSickle says**

Quite possibly my favourite Kyo Maclear book (to date)! Maclear's collection of three short stories told through the dialogue of two unlikely friends (yak and dove) is perfectly whimsical and delightful. Esme Shapiro's warm, folksy illustrations are luminous. An arty offering in the tradition of Frog and Toad.

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### **Carla Johnson-Hicks says**

This is a great story about friendship. Yak and Dove are very different. When they start looking at ways they are different, they decide that maybe they should not be friends and end up angry with one another. When Yak goes looking for a new friend, he needs help. He does not know how to go about finding a friend. After holding auditions, he realizes that he and Dove do have things in common and they care about one another. This book is made up of 3 short stories that emphasize what makes a friend. They can be very different and still like one another. Esme Shapiro's illustrations are cute and certainly add to the story. The expressions on the faces of the animals shows their feelings well. A great book for kindergarten and early primary classrooms as well as families with young children. The publisher generously provided me with a copy of this book via Netgalley.

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### **Zoë Danielle says**

Yak and Dove by Kyo Maclear and Esme Shapiro is another picture book by Maclear about two unlikely friends, in this case a Yak and a Dove, which is filled with gorgeous illustrations by Shapiro. This book includes three adorable stories about two opposites, and how they still have things in common and can be friends. I especially liked the bit about still finding a friend that wouldn't eat you. The story is whimsical and the art is great compliment to that, if you are looking for a new picture book I would definitely recommend this one when it comes out in September.

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