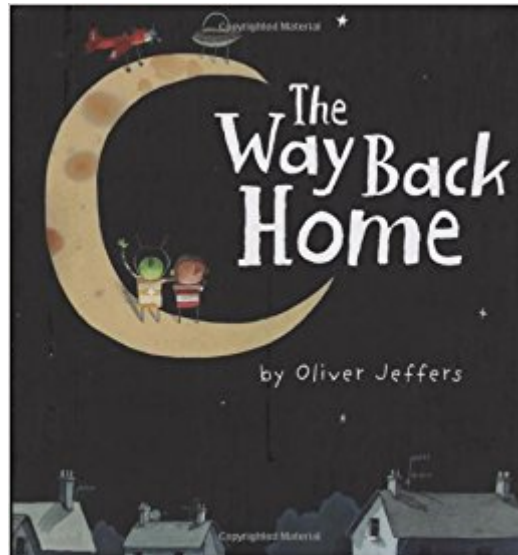




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The Way Back Home



Synopsis

From the illustrator of the #1 smash hit *The Day the Crayons Quit* comes an imaginative tale of friendship in a world where what makes us different isn't nearly as important as what makes us the same. When a boy discovers a single-propeller airplane in his closet, he does what any young adventurer would do: He flies it into outer space! Millions of miles from Earth, the plane begins to sputter and quake, its fuel tank on empty. The boy executes a daring landing on the moon . . . but there's no telling what kind of slimy, slithering, tentacled, fangtoothed monsters lurk in the darkness! (Plus, it's dark and lonely out there.) Coincidentally, engine trouble has stranded a young Martian on the other side of the moon, and he's just as frightened and alone. Martian, Earthling—it's all the same when you're in need of a friend.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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Customer Reviews

In this childlike fantasy, a boy finds an airplane and takes it out for a ride to the moon, where it runs out of fuel. Just as his flashlight grows dim, a spaceship crashes, and a Martian climbs out. Initially, each fears the other, but they quickly become fast friends. Soon they're carrying out a splendid plan to repair their spacecraft and get back to their homes. Children who

know Jeffers's *Lost and Found* (2006) and *How to Catch a Star* (2004) may recognize the distinctive figure of the boy, with his large head, sticklike legs, and striped shirt, and catch other visual references to the earlier books. Economy of line in both text and pictures combine with Jeffers's flair for storytelling to create plenty of fine, original scenes. The deadpan text is well matched by the slightly quirky pencil-and-watercolor illustrations, which make great use of color and composition on the large, double-page spreads. An imaginative space adventure for young children. Preschool-Grade 1. --Carolyn Phelan

Jeffers's latest tale [is charming]. The space theme [and the] illustrations will please every young, imaginative adventurer. -- Kirkus
The message that friends are friends whether they are near or far comes through in a warm, amusing manner. -- School Library Journal

I love that it's an actual story. So many books nowadays have just a word or two on each page. This is perfect for little ones, a sentence per page on average. Very cute story. I have several from this author, and so far all are great. Oh and check out the lost and found movie or book, super cute

Oliver Jeffers is a favorite in our house. This book is super cute. We love the illustrations, and the story is sweet. It is a nice book for bedtime reading and my boys have come to recognize Oliver's wonderful illustrations and his quirky stories. If you like this one, I also highly recommend "This Moose Belongs to Me" and "Stuck."

Story was short and didn't grasp my son's attention

From my nephew: "I'd give it 10 stars if I could. Teaches you how to do teamwork together, and I liked the story"
From me: The story was simple, illustrations are very nice.

Such another good book by Oliver Jeffers. This little boy is lost and meets an Alien while trying to find his way back home. It is delightful book and cute pictures. They become the best of friends. Highly recommend Oliver Jeffers books. Good for your library. Just by looking at the cover, you can tell it is going to be a great book. My 7 year old grandson can read it.

This was cute, but nowhere near as good as some of the author's other books. I would just rate this one as ok, and not one that will hold our kids' attention long term through multiple readings...we like

his books, generally, and it's also a plus that he is from Northern Ireland, which is where the majority of our family is from, but I would not start with this one, necessarily...

I can't say enough about the power of books by Oliver Jeffers! Another amazing story with a great lesson about friendship and helping others.

I loved this one. Oliver Jeffers has a knack of capturing a dash of dream, a pinch of wonder, and a smidgen of valuable life lessons with his tales. His illustrations convey the heart of his stories while his words guide his readers along. I recommend this one! We'll done!!

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