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Bramble And Maggie Give And Take (Candlewick Sparks)



Synopsis

Maggie and her mischievous horse, Bramble, are back for another spirited romp through the ins and outs of friendship. Maggie loves introducing her new horse, Bramble, to the neighborhood, the beach, and the backyard. Bramble has fun too, once she is cajoled into participating by a well-timed carrot or two. But when Maggie has to go to school, Bramble is bored and lonely and gets into some trouble with Mr. Dingle next door. A misbehaving hen and a midnight visitor finally help to turn Bramble into a good neighbor. This charming and funny early reader flows at just the right pace for kids who are learning that others don't always do exactly what you want, but that friends find a way to give and take.

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 9 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 4

Customer Reviews

K-Gr 3-Bramble and Maggie return in this delightful tale about a girl and her horse. In soft gouache tones, the natural colors depict life on a farm, at the beach, and in the backyard where Maggie introduces Bramble to new places in their neighborhood. The illustrations provide support to the text, chapters are concise, and the narrative is developed well for comprehension and reading fluency. Maggie learns that by offering her horse a carrot, it is much easier to get her bridle on.

Bramble is unhappy when Maggie and her family leave for the day and there is no one to apply bug spray or to keep her company. It is only when she ambles over to Mr. Dingle's fence and starts eating the neighbor's roses that she meets his hen and things start to change for her. The horse discovers that the hen eats all the bugs nearby, and she uses Bramble's back for a perch so the animals are much happier together. Full spreads and realistic artwork convey the characters' emotions well, helping emerging readers understand that friendships are often about give-and-take. Equine fans and those ready to progress to more substantial plots will enjoy this early reader. --Melissa Smith, Royal Oak Public Library, MI (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

When Maggie attempts to saddle and bridle her horse, Bramble, she finds her uncooperative until they reach a solution she sees as give-and-take. Later, Bramble creates a bit of trouble with neighbor Mr. Dingle. The man's unconventional solution involves some neighborly giving and taking, but it leaves everyone happy in the end. The second book in the Bramble and Maggie series offers more intriguing insights into the horse's mind. Portraying human and animal characters empathetically, the narrative features moments of humor as well as insight. Expressive watercolor artwork will draw horse lovers to this highly satisfying book for beginning readers. Grades 1-3. --Carolyn Phelan --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Maggie and Bramble books are good stories with an endearing account of a relationship between a horse & a human. It reminds you to appreciate what the horse has its own opinion of you too :). When you're ready to move on from books that are only a few sentences per page, this is a great next step

Perfect book for the young horse lover.

My granddaughter loves the books

I got this book for my daughter who is going into 3rd grade but needs to work on her reading some and she loves horses. This is a great book because it's a beginning chapter book and not a picture book which will inspire her. That & the subject matter of horses I am hoping will give her a love for reading. I am so glad that I found the Bramble Series.

Love these series of stories about Bramble and Maggie and so does my 7 yr old granddaughter.

We love the Bramble and Maggie book. They are sweet and perfect for a new reader.

Funny book, made my granddaughter and I giggle

It's a sweet story for those in grades 2-4--my granddaughter thought it was great. These are classic, simple stories and keep their attention.

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