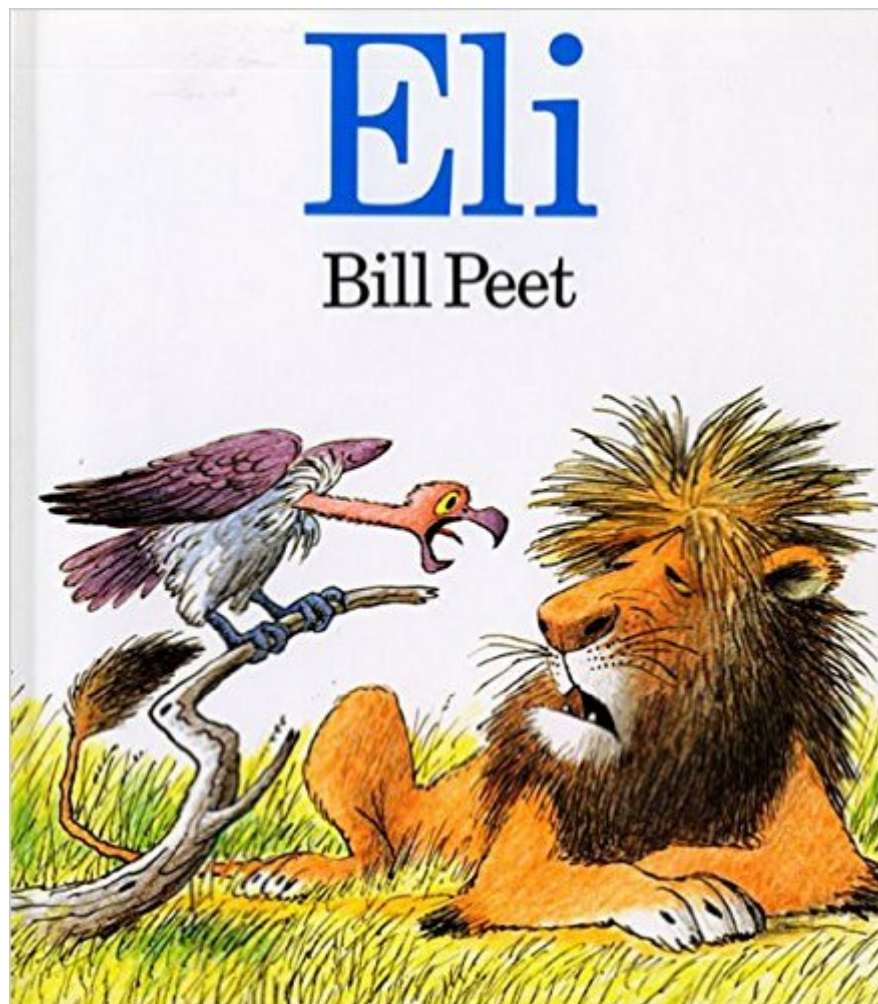


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Eli



Synopsis

A proud but decrepit lion learns a lesson about friendship from the vultures he despises.

Book Information

Lexile Measure: 680L (What's this?)

Paperback: 48 pages

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers; Reprint edition (October 29, 1984)

Language: English

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Product Dimensions: 0.2 x 8.5 x 9.8 inches

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

My 8 year old daughter has just discovered Bill Peet books and she loves them. She loves to read, but these are the first books that she has expressed an interest in keeping and collecting. She has even asked for his autobiography! Bill Peet has brought a light and an excitement for reading that is wonderful to see! Not only are his books entertaining, but they have a moral to the story that is appreciated by the reader. My daughter, Kelly, wrote her own comments about the book. They are: "I liked the part when Eli saved the bird. I also liked it when the birds saved Eli! It was a very, very good book! I liked it very much!" She just can't wait to get the next Bill Peet book that I can find for her! It will definitely be the summer of Bill Peet at our home.

Bill Peet books have been entertaining us, our children, and our grandchildren for years! I love the narrative, whether it's rhyming or not. The illustrations are excellent and the stories are addicting! Love them!

Bill Peet is a wonderful author and illustrator. His stories and illustrations are HILARIOUS. The easy

to follow, relatable plots with nice, neat endings are perfect for the younger set. And they all have a message that parents can discuss with their kids. Eli is a sweet (but always funny) story about an unorthodox way of making and being a friend. I had a copy of Cyrus when I was a kid and loved it. Wish I'd known there were more.

I used to check this book out of the school library almost every week! I loved it so much that I looked all over the web to find it for my 3 year old daughter! What a special book.

Eli the lion was once a proud king of the beasts, but now he is meek as a mouse. What brought about this change? Age. He's too old to romp and fight or even be kingly. Now he only wants to be left alone. Unfortunately, because of a good deed he did, a flock of vultures want to be his friends. Well, even old has-been kings don't want to associate with vultures. They're "ugly old coots, flea-bitten beggars, and good-for-nothing grubby old bone-pickers" as far as he is concerned. But they insist on hanging around and luckily for Eli they do. Because the Zoobangas want him, and he can't hide in the gunkazunk grass in the gumbazunka swamp. If you're wondering why and what, I don't blame you. A fun story to read. (Suitable for the primary grades.) *The Creative Teacher: Activities for Language Arts (Grades 4 through 8 and Up)*

Although not written in rhyme like so many of the other Bill Peet books, this one shines with its descriptive story-telling and fanciful sketches. We first fell in love with Bill Peet's work with the book "The Caboose Who Got Loose" and have since not lost the opportunity to own as many of his books as possible, since my sons never wanted to return the books to the library and insisted on purchasing copies to have "for keeps". I am sure you will like these stories with a moral as well.

I discovered Bill Peet's books when my children were little. Their teacher introduced them to the kids, along side his autobiography. I had no idea he was one of the main animators for Walt Disney, drawing all my favorite characters from *Sword in the Stone*, *Cinderella*, *Peter Pan*, etc. His own books such as *Eli* have the same loving illustrations and great story lines. Love them all.

This is a cute, clever little book. I enjoyed watching Eli open up and the adventures he has with the vultures. I think any child will enjoy reading about this crusty old lion and his vulture friends!

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