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Uni The Unicorn



Synopsis

An original picture book about a unicorn from bestselling author Amy Krouse Rosenthal (Plant a Kiss). In this clever twist on the age-old belief that there's no such thing as unicorns, Uni the unicorn is told there's no such thing as little girls! No matter what the grown-up unicorns say, Uni believes that little girls are real. Somewhere there must be a smart, strong, wonderful, magical little girl waiting to be best friends. In fact, far away (but not too far), a real little girl believes there is a unicorn waiting for her. This refreshing and sweet story of friendship reminds believers and nonbelievers alike that sometimes wishes really can come true.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

I look for children's books that offer humor or a good story or hopefully both, and neither are present in Rosenthal's Uni the Unicorn, but then, those aren't the kind of books she is known for. This book states clearly on the cover, "a story about believing," and that's exactly what it is. Uni the Unicorn believed that little girls were real, and "imagined all the things they would do together..." like "run through the meadow...spin and twirl in the sunlight," etc. These things are laid out with a perfect brevity of text coupled with the remarkable illustrations of Brigitte Barrager. Barrager's illustrations are extremely retro, looking deceptively like Little Golden Book with a dash of etsy stylization that

make them quite perfect for this book, giving Rosenthal's message real authenticity. And Rosenthal's message? That while Uni dreams of finding a real girl -- they do exist, don't they? -- a little girl dreams of finding a real unicorn. Despite her parents' doubts, they will slide down rainbows together and be happy ever after. I know many little girls who visit my library will eat this up, but there's a definite Code Pink on this one, and it may even have a place on a Feminist's Watch list. Yesterday, I read my grandsons the new, "This is a Moose," about a moose determined to be an astronaut and blasting into space, cheerfully ignoring the duck commander completely. This book is such a strong contrast; instead of being about characters pursuing their own adventures, it's about two characters yearning for each other so they can together have an adventure. Uni doesn't seem to be able to help forest creatures in need by herself, and nor can the little girl slide down rainbows alone.

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