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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 3–6—In the last week before his family leaves Oman for a three-year stint in Michigan, Aref has a hard time saying good-bye to his beloved home, particularly his grandfather, Sidi. Readers are never told Aref's exact age; he is clearly articulate, yet excerpts from his notebook show his writing has not transitioned to cursive. Friends come to say goodbye; the suitcase must be packed; and Sidi takes Aref for an overnight camping trip, fishing on the Indian Ocean and memorably, to visit a nesting ground for many kinds of turtles. The language is fresh and lyrical at times, with vivid descriptions of daily life and Aref's obvious anxiety about leaving. Not much happens in the way of plot, but the excellence of the portrayal of the setting and the emotional state of a young boy subject to the loving whims of his parents are vividly captured. "When you drove out in the country, you felt closer to the earth than you felt in the city. You had better thoughts in the country. Your thoughts made falcon moves, dipping and rippling, swooping back into your brain to land." The omniscient narration thus brings a larger context than Aref alone could share. Simply told, yet richly rewarding.—Carol A. Edwards, Denver Public Library, CO

Review

"Nye's story about the special bond between a boy and his grandfather and their mutual love for their country is somehow both quiet and exhilarating." (Horn Book (starred review))

"A warm and humorous peek at the profound and mundane details of moving from one country to another—a perfect pick for kids on the move." (Kirkus Reviews (starred review))

"Magical . . . Will deeply touch young readers who have also moved between countries—and it will enlighten their new friends." (Booklist)

"Nye's elegant but accessible tale—a love letter to Oman, a touching portrayal of a boy and his grandfather, and a poignant look at how we experience change—is deeply moving." (Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books)

From the Back Cover

Here are some things Aref loves about his home.

1. *Mish-Mish, his cat*
2. *The dunes in the desert*
3. *His friends Diram and Sulima*
4. *Fresh apricots*
5. *Crispy fish served in baskets*
6. *His grandfather, Sidi*
7. *His excellent rock collection*
8. *The turtles of Oman*

Aref does not want to move to Michigan. He's sure the kids there won't like him. Also, he has everything he needs right where he is! But Sidi has another point of view. Sidi says Aref will go and come back. Just like a falcon or the turtles of Oman, he'll travel far and make his way home to Muscat.

So Aref sets out to say good-bye to everything he loves. Good-bye to Mish-Mish, Diram, Sulima, dunes, Sidi . . . But how can he stand it?

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