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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

The latest picture book from the creator of *Silly Billy!* and *Tidy Titch* offers a look at how the strengths and weaknesses of best friends tend to play off each other. Two ebullient African American girls demonstrate that someone who can run fast, climb high, untie her shoes and read books is certainly special. But being able to comfort a chum when she is frightened is equally important. Laudably, the girl who doesn't run fast or read never feels inadequate, nor does her best friend act superior. With their numerous homey touches, Hutchins's gouache paintings enliven the very slight text, making this a supportive slice of life. Ages 3-up. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From School Library Journal

PreSchool-Grade 1-- What qualities make for a best friend? To the narrator of this book, they include knowing how to run, climb, and jump better than anybody else. The ability to eat spaghetti without dropping any on the table also helps. The two little girls appear to be about the same age, but their skill levels are quite different. One knows how to paint neatly, untie her shoelaces, and button her pajamas; the other does not. When the night wind blows the curtains, however, it is the less accomplished child who has the common sense and bravery to deal with the situation. The story is heartfelt and reassuring, and the friends gaze at one another with true affection and admiration. Hutchins's artistic skill is reflected in the juxtaposition of background scenes reflecting tidiness and chaos, but her depictions of the black children with their huge claylike heads and buck teeth are exaggerated and lifeless. --Anna DeWind, Milwaukee Public Library Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From Kirkus Reviews

The narrator--a dark-skinned preschooler--describes the many ways her friend surpasses her: she runs faster, climbs farther, eats spaghetti neatly, can do her own buttons, and even knows how to read. "I'm glad she's my best friend," the child reiterates; still, when the friend sleeps over, at bedtime her host is the one who knows that there's no monster blowing the curtains--only the wind. The implicit triumph of this satisfying turnaround is beautifully understated; it's evident mostly in Hutchins's expressive, beautifully designed gouache paintings, where the cheerful host tries to keep up despite an untied lace, makes a comically realistic mess of her supper, and happily strews paint while the visitor produces a tidy (but far less lively) picture. A deceptively simple story with real insight, refreshing as a bright spring day. (Picture book. 3-7) -- *Copyright ©1993, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.*

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From reader reviews:

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