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Oliver Jeffers offers a personal look inside his own hopes and wishes for his child--a missive about our world and those who call it home.

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KC says

Living on planet earth may lead to a lot of questions and Oliver Jeffers answers many with this new book. Not one of my favorites. It makes me want to go hide in the jungle or go to a remote island after reading this.

Tyler Barnett says

Beautiful book. As the reader, you are invited to fully immerse yourself into the intriguing wonders on Earth and beyond. The voice is calm and kind, with a hint of humour- the perfect balance.

The quotes at the end of the book were insightful into Oliver's life and the wisdom his father gifted to him. He has incorporated this wisdom through the pages in the book, which for me was very powerful: 'There are only three words you need to live by, son: respect, consideration and tolerance' - Oliver's father.

Elizabeth A says

I'm slowly making my way through The 7 Loveliest Children's Books of 2017 as selected by brainpickings. You can see the list here: <https://www.brainpickings.org/2017/12...>

This is the first picture book on the list that I've read and I liked it. Bringing a child into the world has got to be a life changing thing, especially in the world we inhabit these days. This lovely picture book is written for the author's baby son, introducing him to this planet we all call home. The art is lovely and the message about taking care of oneself as well as the planet spot on. As with most books by the author, I appreciated the art more than the text. This would be good read aloud book for the littles in your life.

Olivia Henderson says

Haven't been a fan of the Oliver Jeffers books I've read recently but I loved this one. The illustrations are amazing and so detailed. The words are so simple but put the point across perfectly. It shows us that the world is such a big place and there is so much more to discover! Great for children to understand the scale of the world they live in.

Figgy says

Review to come, but in short this is a gorgeous book about our planet and the people who live here, written as an introduction for the youngest members of the human race.

There are some laughs as well as things many parents will be able to relate to, and the overall message that we're all people and we should be kind to one another is something that is too often forgotten in adulthood.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I have something in my eye.

Grace says

saaaaaaaaahhhh beautiful

Lydia Duncalfe says

“You’re never alone on Earth”.

Hannah Greendale says

[Click here](#) to watch a video review of this book on my channel, *From Beginning to Bookend*.

Wondrous and memorable. *Here We Are* is a must-read for all ages.

Hope says

Read it and immediately bought it for the kids on my Christmas list. Told with Jeffers' signature humor and voice, you can feel his love for his son throughout the pages. The illustrations are incredible and the story is simple and perfect.

Nicki Fairman says

A lovely picture book explaining that we are all unique, and that you are never truly alone.

Donna says

Awe inspiring, kind, tolerant, overwhelming, sweet, intimate, cute, funny, tender, philosophical, practical and absolutely beautiful.

Kate Olson says

Add this to your shopping list for any new babies being born, or for holiday/birthday presents for the littlest ones in your life! This is a beautiful piece of art that is a message to our little citizens about the mysterious world that they live in and how to understand and take care of it. It's equally for grown-ups, though, and has surprisingly deep messages woven throughout the simple narrative. All of the important things about life and the world are distilled in this sparse text and gorgeously illustrated volume.

As a school librarian, I think this is a great one to share with younger classes in a storytime setting, but I see it being enjoyed most fully in a one-on-one lap or bedtime snuggle session. The illustrations are so detailed that children will be able to pore over them independently for ages.

Thanks so much to Penguin Young Readers for the complimentary review copy of this title - all opinions are my own.

Ashleigh 🥀 says

I bought this as a gift for my aunt and uncle who are having their first kid. This is so beautiful, I might buy another one for me. I'm trying to keep myself from crying. The perfect book to read to a tiny, new human, but no matter what your age is, this book will make a home in your heart.

Mathew says

With the birth of his first child, Jeffers wanted to capture what is important to him with regards to the Earth and how he wants his son to live his life on it. Much like his own father (see the back of the book), Jeffers focuses on the need for kindness and care to the planet and each other and to embrace the fact that we are all different and yet, the same. It's a beautiful story, dotted with some laugh-out-loud humour and little intertextual references to earlier work.

I'm much preferring Jeffers' newer work since he wrote *This Moose Belongs to Me*, his standard of art has greatly improved and this book is no exception. I also like how he is becoming more political in his age and this important message about embracing our diversity throughout the book is a very important one. A wonderful little treasure.

Hilary says

Disappointing, nice artwork and interesting idea - notes for living on planet earth. The opening page looked like the opening scene of the Clangers (we are big fans) and I expected some Clangeresque philosophy on our place in the universe and looking after our planet. After a promising first few pages the story then showed and told us we have a skeleton and internal organs and the next page says *The most important things for people to remember are to eat, drink, and stay warm*. This is accompanied by an illustration of someone eating a take away pizza. Then there were some pages showing how people come in different shapes and sizes but we are all the same. There were more pages about night and day and animals being different. All the other reviews I read loved this book so worth a go if you see it in the library!

