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Trapper, a sweet-natured minstrel seal, helps a scary creature named Muttsok learn that it isn't right to take things just because they are beautiful. Through the power of music everyone learns that the loveliness of nature is there for everyone to share.

Illustrated by Robin James.

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Shayla says

This book is about a seal named Trapper. He lives on the ice with his fellow seal friends who can sing beautifully, but he usually ruins their pretty music, because he is tone deaf. One day Trapper notices that his fellow seals are disappearing. And he finds out that this monster is stealing his friends because he likes pretty things. So Trapper teaches this monster a lesson, the monster releases Trapper's friends. And they become best friends.

I like this book because there is text on one side of the page, and there is a detailed picture on the other side of the page. The text and pictures complement one another. There is also a moral to be learned at the end of the story. Which make this book a very worthy read.

I would use this book to teach my children. They would enjoy looking at the pictures, and they would also learn some great life lessons. They would be better kids for reading this book.

Julia says

I vaguely remember this one from my childhood reads. It was so cute that he would try his hardest to sing but no one could actually stand to hear him (sounds me) and then start to disappear.

What throws it for a loop is that he seals don't seem to care that they are all disappearing but rather selfish enough to think that it is all the best for them. And then when Trapper is left alone he works to find the mystery while finding out that being alone isn't all fun and games.

Fortunately the way that Trapper saves the day with its own beautiful lesson is also a save for the book.

Lauren says

I remember checking out these books at our elementary school library all the time. All the kindergartners and first graders were obsessed with them for some reason. I don't remember a lot about them really, other than the fact that my parents hated them.

Amelia says

This is one I remember reading many times as a child.

Dee says

Every kid should read this and take it to heart. It's about not taking something just because it is beautiful...a

lesson that extends into adulthood during dating (tell me I'm wrong here...but too many guys think they have a right to claim something they want just because it's "pretty"). It teaches kids not to have a sense of entitlement and greed. This also has implications environmentally, claiming forests or other beautiful lands and trying to claim ownership that we aren't entitled to.

Karl says

I don't remember these being so didactic when I read them as a kid, but TS seemed to enjoy this one. I need to dig up more of these Serendipity titles.

Andrew says

A classic. Loved it as a kid and my kids love it now.

Arwen says

Not my favorite of the Serendipity books. Trapper focuses on a group of singing seals that begin to disappear in ones and twos until only Trapper, the one Seal who can't stay in tune, is left. A creature called Muttsok is taking them because he wants all the beautiful things to himself. Trapper teaches him to appreciate beauty without hoarding it.

Cws says

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Ashley says

Check out my blog, Books from Bleh to Basically Amazing for my thoughts and memories of the Serendipity series!

Joel says

read these books in the thrid grade i thought they were the funniest things, alos they halped me learn english while i was still young and did not speak the language

Alysha DeShaé says

This was a cute little story.
