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Every day can be an adventure. Especially if you bring balloons.

Ever wondered what it would be like to ride a carousel right off its platform? As Emma discovers, all it takes is a handful of balloons and a very kind polar bear to show you the way. This soaring story of friendship, between a carousel bear and the little girl who noticed him, will take readers to the arctic and back—in time for bedtime, of course—and remind them anything is possible. Even flying.

Please Bring Balloons Details

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Andrea says

The illustrations are some of the best I have ever seen! This story is so fun and imaginative. This is one of my favorite picture books and it is also one of my daughter's favorites as well. This will be a book that is passed down to my grandkids!

Holly Mueller says

Jen Vincent featured this on her "It's Monday! What Are You Reading?" post today, and I loved the cover, so I found it at the bookstore. The art is beautiful, and I enjoyed the adventurous story of a girl who finds a note rucked under the saddle of a polar bear on the carousel. The note asks for some balloons, and after she finds enough, he takes off with her on his back. He brings her back before bedtime, and the next day, she thinks she dreamed the whole thing. The ending brings a great surprise.

Kelsey says

AGE: Preschool-1st grade

Animals: Polar Bears

A fantastical story of Emma, a child that is asked by a carousel polar bear to bring balloons--and lots of them. Upon tying the balloons to the bear's saddle, and climbing aboard, Emma and the bear float away with the wind toward the North Pole where a polar bear rumpus was taking place. The artwork is definitely a scrapbooker's dream with a lovely collection of paper patterns. The story is soft and whimsical (perhaps targeting older girls) with adventure and travel, not too long and not too short--perfect for bedtime.

Patricia Sampson says

One of our absolute favourites!

Viviane Elbee says

Kids and I loved the artwork and the dream-like story.

mary dewley says

What a delightful and enchanting tale of a little girl and a carousel polar bear who comes to life! The various

patterns and prints used for the buildings, balloons and clothes are an interesting choice that works rather well. The only problem is the fold out poster that will tear easily.

Megan Renner says

Ward, L (2013). Please bring balloons. New York. Penguin Group.

The Story begins by a little girl that rode a polar bear on a carousel. She found a note on the bear that said "Please bring" that had a picture of a balloon. The next day the little girl brings with her one balloon. Later that day she comes back to find another note. This time it said "Please bring more" and there was a picture of lots of balloons. The next day the little girl (named Emma) brings lots more balloons. She ties them to the polar bear and then sits on him. She sits there for a few minuets. Then all of a sudden, they started floating up in the sky. They kept going higher and higher. Eventually they landed on the North Pole! They walked around the North Pole and then arrived at a polar bear party. They had lots of fun dancing and enjoying the party. Then it became late and it was time to go home. Emma and the polar bear then floated home. The next day Emma visited the polar bear once again and there was another note. This time, there was a picture that said "Please bring, love P.B". On the note there was a picture of a bicycle. Then the story ends. I enjoyed this book. I was not sure where Emma and the bear were going to go. I was surprised when they arrived at the North Pole. It kept me reading. I rate this story 5/5. I thought it was original and fun to read.

Linda Gill says

"It appeared unexpectedly. Peeking out of the polar bear's saddle, a hint of paper." So begins Please Bring Balloons. A magical adventure's stage is set with a carousel, a carousel polar bear, a little girl on her way to and from school, a piece of paper, and a balloon. With each day, more and more balloons are added and the magic of a northward, skyward journey takes place for a young girl and her carousel polar bear friend.

Simply told, artistically illustrated, this delightful story opens a make-believe world to children of all ages. I loved it all.

The art intrigued me as the cut paper pieces are collages of varied shapes made of primary writing paper, regular notebook paper, graph paper, paper with math problems, numbers, and musical notations on the pieces, snippets of paper with very neat handwriting, calendars, even origami. Whitewashed maps of real places become the destinations for this magical journey.

Do not miss the back cover: two small carousel polar bears are holding the ISBN/price label at an angle on the dust cover. I was delighted to find that giving me a great big smile! CUTE!

I imagine we will be seeing more from Lindsay Ward!

Reading Level: 3-5 years old

Award

Honorable Mention for Best Escape Picture Book 2013 by Huffington Post

Author

"Lindsay Ward is fascinated by the way the world looks from above and has always wanted to write a story with a little magic. Add to that the fact that her parents actually met painting carousel animals...." Please Bring Balloons seems to be a perfect fit for Ms. Ward, both as the author and the illustrator. Originally from California, Lindsay journeyed across the USA to attend college @ Syracuse University where it snows and where she received her BFA in Illustration. She has illustrated a number of children's picture books. Ms. Ward's other books as both author and illustrator are Pelly and Mr. Harrison Visit the Moon (Kane/Miller) and When Blue Met Egg (Dial Books for Young Readers). You can visit her on the web at lindsaymward.com or check out her blog at respectthecupcake.blogspot.com. She also designs social stationary and wedding invitations, selling them through her Etsy Shop, Borrowed & Blue.

Chris says

I had to go in the middle for this rating. The kids loved the story, asked for it multiple times. Myself on the other hand had a real problem with the juxtaposition of the helium balloons and the polar bears. One of my peeves are how easily people litter their balloons and how quickly they get into the ecosystem harming so much wildlife; presenting it as a fun thing and a gateway to the arctic which also for me, the polar bears are the poster species for climate change, was a horrible combination. A quirk of mine which would have personally resulted in a one star.

Erin Beitz says

Pictures are great but the story is just a little weird.

April Thompson says

What a wonderful adventure. Are you ready? Please bring balloons.

Rachel says

One day, Emma finds a note on the carousel's polar bear. "Please bring [a balloon]" it says. Curious, she brings the bear a balloon, only to find that one is apparently not enough. So, she joyfully brings more. Perfect. The bear takes off, carrying Emma into the sky. Together, they travel all the way to the North Pole, showcasing some beautiful, starry night scenes along the way. All seems quiet until they crest the final hill. At this point page flaps fold out to reveal a party of polar bears. For her help, Emma shares in the fun, dancing and playing until the morning when she is returned home.

Cut and pasted paper pieces decorate and add physical depth to this magical adventure. Most pieces are patterned with simple things like stripes or numbers, however in the most clever and relevant case, the artist uses maps of the northern hemisphere for the snow.

Lighthearted and whimsical, the simple request to bring some balloons leads to a joyous journey that will please many a daydreamer.

Penny says

What a great story and it is beautifully illustrated too! A lovely tale for young and old. Enjoy!!

Miss Kelly says

The artwork was beautiful. I liked the book, but not sure I would use it for a story time.

Ashlin Edmisten says

The illustrations in this book are just beautiful. The story is adorable and exciting for both kids and adults. It's a great adventure tale.
