

LORGNETTE

Quarterly Review of Children's and Young Adults' Books

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Book Review: CAN YOU HUG A FOREST?

Have you ever met a young child who wanted to hug everything and everyone? What about hugging a forest? Can you do that? The character in this book will explain exactly how to do that as long as you can find a forest. First, you have to hug the air. Spread your arms out wide and breathe in all the way to your toes. That is how you hug the air. Next, you hug a leaf by spinning around and feeling its pointy edges. You also have to hug the flower, trail, and stream. Each of these are components of a forest, and spending time to enjoy each of them will help you learn how to hug a forest.

The illustrations are childlike with what looks like pastels. The main character is drawn with basic shapes and no detail, such as shadows. The artistic style adds to the quality of the book and the message it sends. The reader learns more about the forest and how to take care of it. Children can find unique ways to engage with nature, and this book is a great example of how to do just that. Maybe this book can inspire kids from all over to hug the habitat they live within.

