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Silver Linings



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Book Review: SILVER LININGS

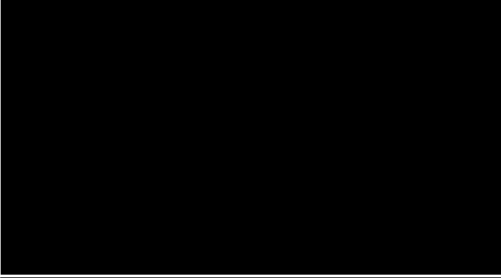
Pip and Parker are best friends, which is easy for anyone to tell because they are often together and don't even need to say anything to each other to have a good time. As Pip and Parker hang out together, occasionally setbacks occur. A crayon may break in half, a toy is lost, it begins to rain... Pip gets easily sidetracked by these setbacks, but Parker knows just what to say and do. A crayon broken in half becomes two crayons! Losing a toy gives them an opportunity to make a paper boat! And the rain gives them a chance to splash in the puddles! Parker is often the friend who can look on the bright side of things, that is, until he spills his glass of milk on all of his and Pip's drawings. But Pip knows what to do to cheer him up: give him a hug!

The illustrations in this book, though elaborately made with paint, pencils, and oil pastels, almost look like they were drawn in a simple way, like how a child would draw them. A big emphasis of the book is that friends don't always need words to have fun, and so there are many instances where the reader just observes what Pip and Parker are doing in the pictures. These wordless moments present great opportunities for children to practice making meaning of the story. Children can also practice reframing how they view mistakes and setbacks, just like Pip and Parker do. It's important to be



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able to find good in the bad and to practice having gratitude for the little things in life. Author and artist Fiona Woodcock is well-known for her award-winning illustrations in the picture book Look, which was published in 2018.

