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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

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Review

"Fleming's signature pulp-painted backgrounds set the stage for a performance featuring an assemblage of shapes; created from patterned handmade papers, the forms are choreographed in their activity by a madcap mouse on wheels. . . . Children will enjoy predicting at various points in the narrative. . . . Motion lines drawn with pastels combine with expressive verbs, rhyming couplets and playful phrases to animate the narrative: "Bibbity bop!" Although Fleming presents a veritable smorgasbord of early learning (shapes, colors, directions and concepts), there is also a dramatic arc with tension and humor. . . . The title will surely inspire children to create and deconstruct their own geometric dramas." (Kirkus Reviews, August 2014)

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A little mouse on wheels directs labeled geometric elements to gradually assemble themselves into a monkey figure: "Bounce, OVAL, up and down./ Roll, CIRCLE, round and round." When the mouse accidentally knocks down the assembled monkey, sending the shapes flying, they reassemble themselves not as a monkey but a cat, who chases the mouse until he makes another monkey out of new shapes. The rhyming text is contrived and sometimes awkward, and the ending is puzzling (the reassembled monkey's parts are components that weren't part of the original monkey). Nonetheless, the liveliness of the mouse's edicts and the visual breakdown of the way a larger, complex figure can be crafted by combining individual shapes will garner audience attention. The illustrations, which feature backgrounds poured by Fleming, cut shapes from handmade paper, and pastel accents, are somewhat reminiscent of the work of Lois Ehlert, down to the labeling for each shape. Some of the background colors unfortunately don't offer sufficient contrast to the shapes being arranged, making them difficult to distinguish at times. Despite its flaws, this might make a diverting precursor to art activities or a useful addition to a study of geometric shapes for the preschool or primary-grade crowds. (Bulletin February 2015)

About the Author

Denise Fleming has written and illustrated numerous celebrated books, including *Go, Shapes, Go!*; *underGROUND*; *SHOUT!*; *Sleepy, Oh So Sleepy*; *Time to Sleep*; *The Everything Book*; *Alphabet Under Construction*; *Count!*; *In the Tall, Tall Grass*; *In the Small, Small Pond*, which received a Caldecott Honor; and *This Is the Nest That Robin Built*. She lives in Toledo, Ohio, with her husband, David Powers, with whom she often collaborates.

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