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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

PreS-Gr 2-A young bear finds a piano in the middle of the forest and begins to play. Initially turned off by the awful sound, he leaves but soon returns to try again. The bear continues to practice for years and years until he can play like a virtuoso. Not only does his playing give him immense pleasure but the other bears are enchanted as well. When a boy and a girl discover the bear's amazing talent, they convince him to move to the city. Sad to leave his friends but excited to explore another world, he ventures forth and becomes a sensation. After much fame and accolades, the bear realizes that he misses his friends and decides to return home. He is heartsick when he can't find his piano in the woods and assumes they have all forgotten him. Happiness is restored when he learns his friends have kept the piano in the shade to protect it and were eagerly awaiting his return. Litchfield's debut picture book is a visual feast. Using a variety of different techniques and then digitally assembling them, he has produced a story filled with verdant and luminous images that create an enchanting atmosphere. The story encourages young ones to follow their dreams and pursue their unique talents. VERDICT A wonderful addition for all collections.-Amy Nolan, St. Joseph Public Library, St. Joseph, MI(c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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All the Wonders, Best of 2016 Picture Books

Amazon Overall Top 20 Children's Books of 2016

Amazon, Best Children's Books of the Year Ages 3 to 5

Kirkus Best of 2016

School Library Journal's Fuse#8 Best of 2016

* "Litchfield's multilayered mixed-media illustrations gracefully portray dappled forest groves, the energy of a packed concert hall, and the simultaneous bustle and solitude of city life. The bear's emotions—contentment, pride, uncertainty, relief—are captured with equal skill in a tenderly moving story about embracing one's potential while remembering one's roots."

—**Publishers Weekly, STARRED review**

* "This is one of those rare books that children can return to again and again through the years, each time finding new meaning appropriate to their varying ages and stages...Litchfield's poignant debut picture book celebrates both the wonders of wandering far in pursuit of one's dreams and the sweet comfort of returning home."

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About the Author

David Litchfield is the creator of *The Bear and the Piano*. He creates his unique, atmospheric artwork using a variety of traditional techniques, then digitally assembling the different elements. He lives in Bedford, in

the United Kingdom, and you can learn more about him at www.davidlitchfieldillustration.com.

Users Review

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Steven Peterson:

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