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Editorial Review

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A little girl delights in the boundless discoveries of the world around her with an older gentleman, likely her grandfather. But then the man's chair is empty, and the girl puts her heart in a bottle to help with the hurt. As she grows older, she loses her sense of wonderment, and it isn't until she meets another young girl that she finds a way to free her heart again. This book showcases some absolutely captivating artwork. The way in which Jeffers employs pictures in word balloons to convey the limberness of imagination is brilliant: the man points to the sky to talk about constellations, while the girl sees stars as inflamed bumblebees. But what begins promisingly runs into trouble, and it's not clear who the message is directed toward: children just opening their eyes to the world, or parents who have lost their sense of curiosity? Even if children don't glean much from the abstractions and subtleties of the narrative, they're nevertheless in for a treat with the unforgettable visuals of imagination at play. Preschool-Grade 1. --Ian Chipman

Review

"Heartbreaking, witty and filled with hope." --*Kirkus*

About the Author

Oliver Jeffers (www.oliverjeffersworld.com) makes art and tells stories. His books include *How to Catch a Star*; *Lost and Found*, which was the recipient of the prestigious Nestle Children's Book Prize Gold Award in the U.K. and was later adapted into an award-winning animated film; *The Way Back Home*; *The Incredible Book Eating Boy*; *The Great Paper Caper*; *The Heart and the Bottle*, which was made into a highly acclaimed iPad application narrated by Helena Bonham Carter; *Up and Down*, the *New York Times* bestselling *Stuck*; *The Hueys in the New Sweater*, a *New York Times* Best Illustrated Book of the Year; and *This Moose Belongs to Me*, a *New York Times* bestseller. Originally from Belfast, Northern Ireland, Oliver now lives and works in Brooklyn, New York.

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