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Jessie's Island



Synopsis

With a long list of activities and events to attend, cousin Thomas paints a picture of city life that makes Jessie's world seem a little dull in comparison. When her mother suggests they invite Thomas to visit their island, Jessie wonders glumly what she could possibly write in her letter that would sound as exciting as zoos, planetariums or video arcades. But as Jessie looks out over her island home, she sees a world of endless variety, from killer whales in the strait and bald eagles soaring overhead to anemones in tide pools and tiny hermit crabs on the shore. She thinks of countless days spent exploring, fishing, swimming and canoeing. This reissue of *Jessie's Island*, which was originally published over twenty years ago, will introduce a whole new generation of children to the joy of unstructured play and the pleasures to be found in the natural world.

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Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

K-Gr 2 • Jessie receives a letter from her cousin, Thomas, beginning "You must be awfully bored living on an island in the middle of nowhere!" He goes on to list the various activities available to him in the city where he lives such as: sports, a zoo, movies, trips to the mall or planetarium, among others destinations. Jessie and her mother are clearly dismayed by Thomas's assumption and decide to invite him for a visit. Jessie responds to her cousin with an invitation detailing the wonders that her island has to offer: whales, seals, birds, lush woodlands, and beaches

teeming with wildlife. Beautiful watercolor illustrations portray each attraction that she mentions. The realistic depiction of life on the island off the west coast conveys the wonder and beauty of nature. VERDICT Although fashion trends have changed since the original 1992 release, nature never goes out of style, making this an appropriate and lovely addition. — Laura Hunter, Mount Laurel Library, NJ

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Great way to encourage children to write to family. Illustrations are beautiful. My children related very well with Jessie's life style.

Great children's book using Orcas Island as a backdrop. My niece's enjoyed it.

Nice story. Will keep fresh the memories of our recent trip to Orcas Island.

Life on an island is anything but boring! Jessie shows her cousin the beauty of her island home, and he discovers joys that can't be found in the big city.

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