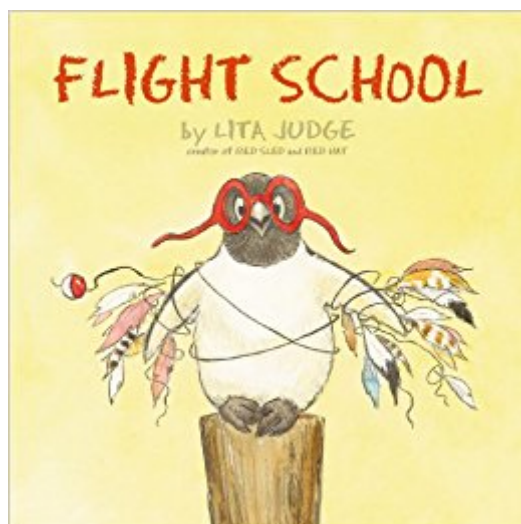


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Flight School



Synopsis

A persevering penguin is determined to fly in this adorably inspiring picture book from the creator of Red Hat and Red Sled. Although little Penguin has the soul of an eagle, his body wasn't built to soar. But Penguin has an irrepressible spirit, and he adamantly follows his dreams to flip, flap, fly! Even if he needs a little help with the technical parts, this penguin is ready to live on the wind.

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Customer Reviews

K-Gr 2 "Little Penguin, who has the self-proclaimed "soul of an eagle," wants to fly. Steering his motorboat into a dockside flight school for birds, he announces to the other feathery students and teacher that "[he] was hatched to fly." Teacher and Flamingo are unconvinced, but they allow Little Penguin to take lessons anyway. Outfitted with goofy red goggles, Little Penguin certainly has the will, if not the talent. Even after practicing for weeks and enthusiastically jumping off the dock with a loud "Geronimo!" he still flops deep into the ocean instead of soaring above. Brokenhearted, he sets sail for home. But then Flamingo has an idea. Tying feathers and a fishing line onto Little Penguin, Flamingo helps lift him skyward while Little Penguin does his best to "Flip, flap, flip, flap, flap." Soon, he soars as he had always dreamed of doing. Alas, it doesn't last. Unfortunately, even with the soul of an eagle, "he still has the body of a little round penguin." Nevertheless, his dream achieved, Little Penguin leaves flight school one happy little bird. So happy, in fact, that he soon returns with

another friend with his own dreams of flying-an ostrich with the "soul of a swallow." Judge successfully balances the humor in the storytelling, the drawings, and the situations. Rendered in watercolor and pencil and situated on a bright yellow background, the illustrations perfectly fit this delightful and charming book.âRoxanne Burg, Orange County Public Library, CA

A portly little penguin in bright-red flight goggles believes he has âthe soul of an eagle,â so he sets out to learn to fly. The teacher at flight school (a pink flamingo) kindly includes him in the flapping lessons, but when it comes time for his first liftoff, he instead plunges with a great âGablub!â into the sea. âPenguins just arenât built to fly,â says the teacher. But the flamingo pities poor Penguin, and soon the chubby flightless bird is trussed up with a fishing-line harness and hitched to the flamingo for his very first flight. Satisfied by finally fulfilling his dream of flying, the penguin happily heads home only to return later with a much-larger, similarly flightless bird friend. Judge (Bird Talk, 2012) is well known for her lifelike watercolor-and-pencil illustrations of animals of all kinds, and she uses similarly realistic detail when rendering the birds here, though these creatures have charmingly cartoonish personalities befitting the offbeat story. Little ones who struggle to meet their goals will delight in persevering Penguin. Grades K-2. --Sarah Hunter

I love reading to my son who is six years old, and this book is so so so precious!!! It is a story of a penguin who believes he has the soul of an eagle and is determined to fly, and no one can tell him otherwise. He persists and fails many times until finally his flight teacher fashions wings for him and makes him believe he is flying by clutching the ropes in her claws and carrying him through the air. The determined penguin so believes this school can make miracles happen that at the end of the story, he brings his ostrich friend to flight school to learn to fly. The story is witty, cute, and it has a great message about persistence, determination, and believing in your dreams. I am a huge fan of children's books, and this one tops my favorites! I definitely recommend it!

This book is perfect for teaching determination and perseverance to children.

The delightful drawings lead readers through the adventures of a protagonist who wants to do the impossible and become what he was not meant to be. By the end he is so satisfied with the compromise his friends have arranged for him that he wants them to do the same for some even more unlikely characters.No one gives up and everyone wins in the end--except perhaps the kind and over-zealous flight school instructors. Parents and children can talk about what they are likely to

do now. (Maybe they can open a balloon school?)

Excellent

I love this book!!! It is a wonderful story about not giving up on your dreams. A must have for a library home or school!

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