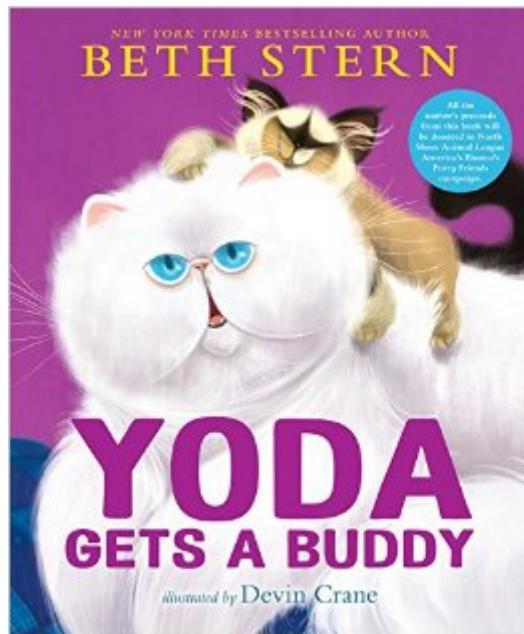


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# Yoda Gets A Buddy



## **Synopsis**

New York Times bestselling author Beth Stern is back with another inspiring story, as Buddy the blind foster kitten joins Yoda and his friends for a heart-warming adventure! Yoda is busier than ever in the Foster Kitten Room, taking care of litter after litter. Buddy, a blind kitten who is recovering from eye surgery, has been with Beth and Howard longer than any other foster kitten, so Yoda takes him under his wingâ "or pawâ "and makes him his fostering partner! While Yoda grooms and scolds the naughty kittens, Buddy is the cat they cuddle up to and adore, mimicking his every move, with no clue he is blind. One day Frankie, a new foster, is introduced and from the very first moment, none of the kittens like him. Oversized ears and an unruly cowlick make him look goofy. But Buddy loves this new little guy and helps the other kittens see all of Frankieâ "TM's goodness and sweetness. And when they discover Buddy is the kitten with a true disability and challenge, the other felines learn that love truly is blind when we see each other with our hearts.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

The story is awful. Plus, the grammatical errors are horrendous.

Didn't enjoy the book, Very disappointing. Poor grammar

I read this with my little sister on her tablet because she enjoyed Yoda: The Story of a Cat and His Kittens. The sequel is marginally better than the original, but that's like saying suffocation is mildly better than drowning. There appears to be a lot of grammatical errors in this entry, and new characters are introduced to the reader in a confusing way. The story is boring, but kids might like scrolling through the artwork.

I treasure the first Yoda book, but I was saddened to see his character has become a stern, humorless rule enforcer in this sequel. Why has the adorable miracle Persian become so cynical and by-the-book in the year since love and purpose healed his sad heart? New foster Buddy brings some much-needed kindness to the foster room, and Yoda soon deputizes him as Good Cop to his Bad Cop. But Buddy has a secret that he keeps from Yoda and the kittens: He has no eyeballs. Because of that, he doesn't treat ugly kitten Frankie as cruelly as the cute cats do -- especially Molly, the nasty ringleader of the kittens (named after Jimmy Kimmel's wife Molly). Do your child a favor and avoid reading him or her the story behind the story at the end, where the author reveals that Buddy no longer lives with Yoda and the kittens. It's important that children believe that these kittens have a blind, kind-hearted cat giving them a little warmth and relief from the no-nonsense taskmaster Yoda.

What a terrible children's book! My 3 year old daughter received this from a family friend as a Christmas gift. The friend is a Howard Stern fan, and thought this would be a cute gift for my daughter. I have nothing against Beth Stern, but she is NOT a good children's book author. I thought the cover art was cute, but once I read this book to my daughter I removed it from her book case, and put it far away from anything she could read. The themes of the book are overly mean and authoritarian, almost like the author is promoting bullying. The Publisher really should have done a better job of editing this, because as-is, it is not the kind of message you want a young child to receive.

I can't believe that this book was published. Mrs. Stern is not a writer and shows a clear and deep lack of understanding of children's psyche. Aside from being poorly written and edited, it uses inappropriate language and scenarios with improperly addressed topics such as bullying, peer pressure, lack of consequences for actions, disabilities.... The language is atrocious as are the concepts. This book should be banned from your children's shelves. And by the way, the first Yoda book is just as ridiculous.

This is an incredibly beautiful story, and I love the fact that Beth Stern is donating all of the proceeds to the North Shore Animal League. Plus, I'm one of the biggest Howard Stern fans ever, and I love the fact that he is involved with such an amazing cause!

I took a look at this in the bookstore because of the reviews posted here. It seems that everyone is being disingenuous; both the 1-star reviewers and the 5-star folks. This is a solid two out of five stars. In my mind, a 1 would be a poorly put together vanity project -- this obviously is a step above that, as the wealthy Sterns were able to hire a very capable artist and ghostwriter and have the backing of a legitimate publisher -- whereas a 5 would be something of the caliber of "Goodnight, Moon." So, obviously, considering these two extremes, "Yoda Gets a Buddy" could only be legitimately reviewed as a 2, 3 or 4 out of 5. The verdict, again: 2. This is indeed a vanity piece, but a highly polished one. There is no poignancy, no soul, no lasting impression created by this book. It is yet another example of "those who can't write write children's books," with implausible and silly personification ... and the character names are Yoda and Buddy -- hardly original. The sad thing is, books like this take away publisher resources and shelf space from more legitimate authors. The publication of a book like this is yet another triumph for the shallow and well connected. Fans of this author may need to self-evaluate their own contributions to this world, and decide if they, too, are part of the world's problems. As for some proceeds going to charity, that should have nothing to do with a review. Giving should be a personal, magnanimous choice, not a marketing tagline.

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