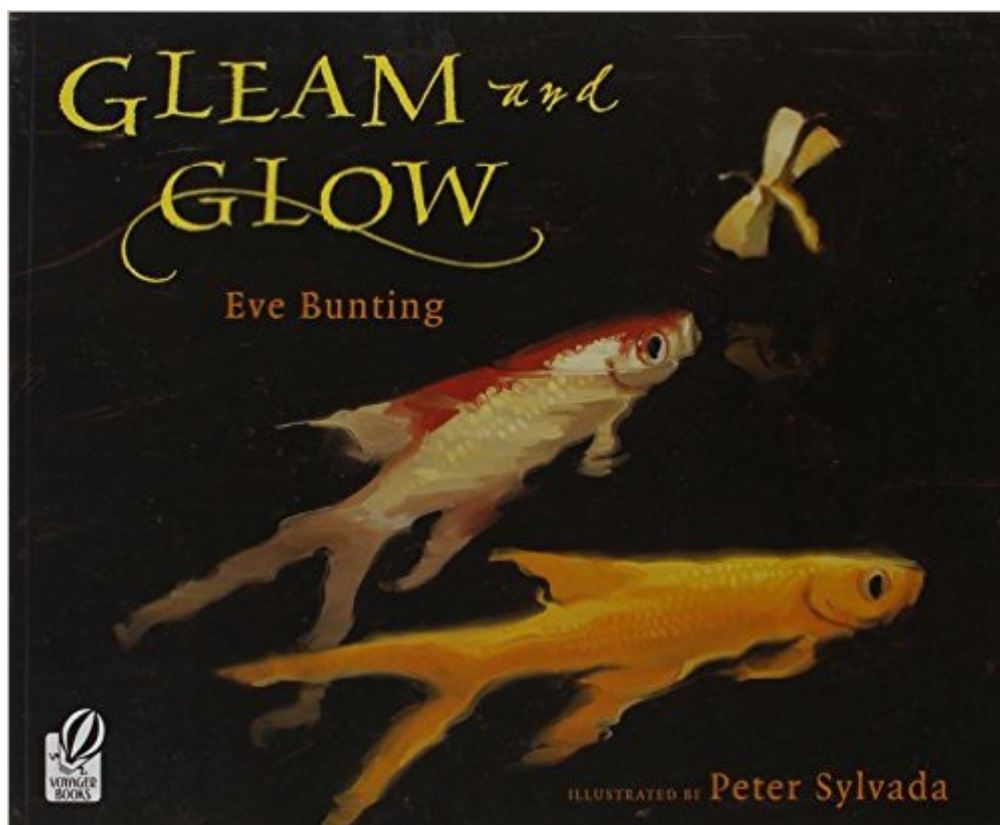


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Gleam And Glow



Synopsis

Inspired by real events, master storyteller Eve Bunting recounts the harrowing yet hopeful story of a family, a war--and a dazzling discovery.

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Customer Reviews

This Book, Gleam and Glow, by Ebe Bunting is an awesome book, the main character who tells the story is a young boy named victor, his father has to go to the underground to fight in a war. Victor, his sister Marina, and there mama have to leave soon to, so they can cross the border before they get attacked!!! One day a man comes with some fish, that he can't carry any more, mama finally agrees to take the fish from him, and Marina has already named them, Gleam, and Glow, but they agree that when they leave in three days, that they cannot take the fish with them. Before the family leaves, they slip the fish into there backyard pond, and hope they will survive. They start there journey to the border, when they get there they will be safe.Will they see there dad?Is there dad alive?Did Gleam And Glow make it?Did the house survive,and most important,did the family make itREAD THIS BOOK TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS, I would recomend it to ANYONE, my teacher read it to us, and I am in 6th grade, and I still thought is was awesome!!!! READ READ READ!!!!

I bought this book to read with my fifth grade students as we're studying theme. It's a touching story

of a family that stays hopeful, as well as determination and love. This book is great for literal and inferential comprehension, a thematic unit on conflict, and studying cause/effect, characters, theme and settings. I would recommend it for grades 3 - 6.

The fact that this is a true story is wonderful. There is tragedy in the beginning of the story based on historical content. The illustrations help set a mood. The end of the story helps us see that something good can come from adversity. Also, I enjoyed seeing the family who originally owned the fish do what was best for their entire village/town. Unselfishness, community mindedness, caring to do what is right all came through in the story that is based on war. There are no details of the war so that young children from 1st grade through 4th grade could enjoy this book without knowing all the particulars of war. Excellent book.

I am a 5th grade teacher and read this book when we were discussing theme in reading class (hope during war theme obviously). There were several "wet eyes" in the classroom when I finished reading (including mine). The students really responded to the story, especially since the story's main characters are children. Also, the hope and encouragement that the story gives (that life goes on after war) at the end is what the students really responded to. Extremely touching literature...

I'm in awe. Bunting based her story on the true account of the Malkoc family, who fled the Jezero village during the Bosnian war. Two little girls are given two gold fish, Gleam and Glow, to care for from a refugee who fled the village days before them. Before they leave to seek safety, the oldest girl places Gleam and Glow in the pond. After many months of war, the family returns to their village. Everything has been destroyed by the bombs...everything except the pond thriving with goldfish. This story is heartbreaking and inspiring. I'll admit that it brought tears my eyes. The illustrations are not typical of a book depicting war. The illustrations are beautiful, warm, hopeful.

Eve Bunting did a beautiful job telling a tragic story of a people being forced to flee their home and homeland due to war. This work of historical fiction was inspired by the 1990, Bosnian War but could be applied to any war or similar upheaval of citizens. A lesson that hope can be found in the most unlikely of places.

This is one of our favorite Eve Bunting stories. She is an incredible writer and touches upon so many different subjects - all of them heartwarming and real. As one reviewer wrote, some of her

books are more appropriate for older children (of about 6 - 8 years old, I'd say). Some of the content speaks to hardship and may be difficult for the younger ones to understand. Most of her books (like the story of the Christmas tree in the forest) are a must read for all ages. We have thoroughly enjoyed all of her stories and this is definitely one of our favorites. Many of her stories are so beautifully written that by the end, my voice is shaky as I hold back tears (and my son always wipes them away) - especially this one.

Deftly painted illustrations provide a visual link to the well-chosen words recounting the flight of a family from their home during the Bosnia war in the early 1990s. After passersby warn the family of imminent attack the mother decides that the family must strike out for a refugee camp just beyond the border. Prior to their departure, the son decides that he must set free two goldfish his sister inherited from a passing refugee. The fish are released into a pond near their house so that they can enjoy at least one more day of life. The implication is that the fish will presumably starve for lack of fish flakes or be gobbled up by predators but the change of location is worth trying if it grants them a little more time to enjoy living. The impact of the impending invasion on the lives of the two fish parallel the distressing situation the family faces which in turn creates considerable suspense for young and old readers alike. Could the family cover the distance in time to avoid the violence? How would the father, who left to participate in the resistance, be able to find them now that they were leaving home? Yes, this book explores serious subject matter but my seven year old and five year old ask me to read it time and again. The content must speak to fears that lurk in the back of their minds but rather than discussing their anxiety about possibly losing a pet or a home or a parent instead they always ask me why there is war. This book doesn't show any people engaged in violent acts, however, it shows the family's empty house all ablaze. Happily, the next few pages show the mother and children reuniting with the father. Eventually the return to the face the charred remains of their home. In contrast to this dark moment the family are surprised to find the pond teeming with goldfish. Apparently the fish are survivors just like family. I wasn't expecting a Gleam and Glow to tell so moving a story with such a satisfying conclusion.

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