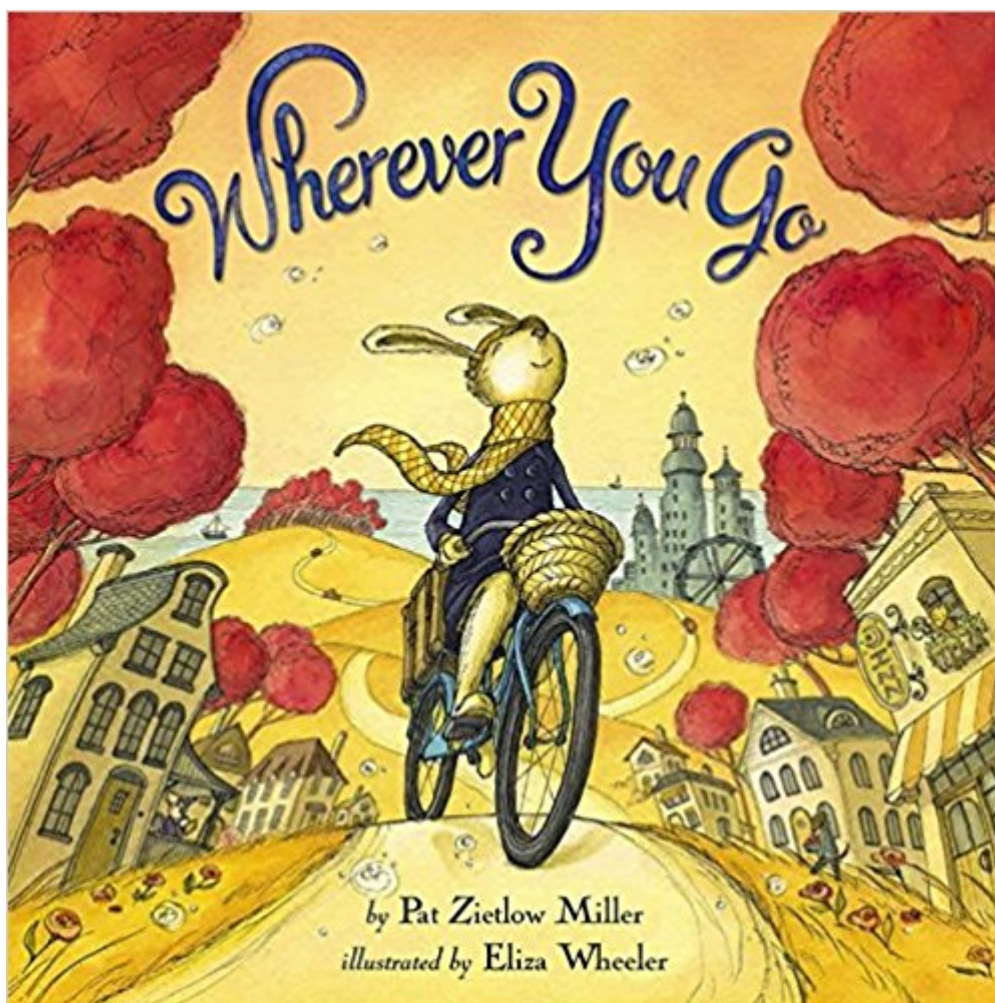


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Wherever You Go



Synopsis

An inspiring and beautiful celebration of life and new experiences--perfect for graduations and fans of

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

K-Gr 2 • The road rises up to meet a bicycle-riding rabbit throughout this travelogue written by the author of *Sophie's Squash* (Random, 2013). Unless there are a lot of big vehicles, visual subplots, or a compelling narrative arc, the metaphorical use of roads easily becomes too abstract for young children—and clichéd. Miller employs singsong verses throughout, preceded by the word roads, an ellipsis, and a verb, e.g., "Roads zoom./Beneath city buildings that tower on high,/twinkling like stars/in the dark velvet sky/Racing past signs./Reflecting their light./Zigging and zagging./Turn left. Then turn right." These constructions prove confusing, as it isn't clear whether it's the buildings or the roads that are "twinkling" and "racing." The rabbit and an owl interact with an assortment of anthropomorphized creatures as the road bends, merges, remembers, and ultimately returns home. Wheeler's watercolor and gouache scenes are defined with delicate ink lines. Pink and peach are the predominant colors of the sky, sea, trees and landscape. This palette and the settings—a paddle boat turned restaurant, a turreted tree house, a walled city hosting a carnival—create an exotic atmosphere. The characters, however, are tourists without a tale. Perhaps it works best as a candidate for a graduation present.

Praise for *Wherever You Go*: A SCBWI Crystal Kite Award Winner (Midwest)* "Miller's verse, infused with musical momentum, communicates the emotional arch of a journey with beautiful brevity...The sunshine-hued, delicate artwork embraces both the panoramic vastness of the countryside and the definitive details nestled in its valleys, meadows, towns and treetops...Children, thanks to captivating artwork and rhyme, will want nothing more than to ride his handlebars, bouncing and merry. At the mountain's summit, young readers will glow with the understanding that roads connect more than places-and the assurance they can retrace this reading journey nightly." Kirkus Reviews (starred review)* "Miller's (Sophie's Squash) buoyant rhymes follow a bicycling rabbit along country, seaside, city, and mountain roads. What makes the tacit invitation to ride along irresistible are Wheeler's (The Grudge Keeper) sprawling, bustling landscapes, which encourage readers to imagine stories within the story. Saturated with glowing golden tones, the mixed-media pictures feature fantastical architectural flourishes while highlighting the rabbit's propensity for making friends. ...Miller's gentle urging to chart new courses ("If you yearn for the ocean or wish for a stream,/ roads bring you closer to reaching your dream") gives this lovely offering appeal both as an inspirational gift book and as a bedtime tale." Publishers Weekly (starred review)

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