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At the Window is a self healing book about an orphan who finds peace, love and hope in his life. It is a quiet, sensitive story that invites readers to consider the undeniable nature of love. Henry and his little sister, Emily, are orphans who live under the care of Ms. Agnes at St. Peter's Orphanage. One wintry night, Henry notices a bright, shining light tear through the sky-but he is the only one who notices. The following week, he sees the light again and Henry now begins to think this is more than a coincidence. The burning light sets a spark inside of Henry's own heart and he begins to search for answers. Patience and an open spirit ultimately lead him to the truth, where the warmth and light fully embraces him.

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Justine Edward says

“Finding your light”

At the Window by Joseph Forte is one of the most beautiful children’s books I have read. And as a teacher with three children of my own, I have read a lot of children’s books. The story revolves around Henry and his younger sister Emily who are orphans. Henry sees a shooting star one night and can’t get it out of his mind. A series of events then take place that lead him to believe that seeing the star is part of a bigger picture. Joseph has created such a touching story about love and hope and finding your place in the world. I adore the line “At the window it felt like home” because sometimes in life, if we look hard enough, we can find home even when we are far away. 5 stars!

Mrs Mommy Booknerd <http://mrsmommybooknerd.blogspot.com> says

A touching story about finding hope in even the most distant things. Henry see a shooting star and cannot get it out of his head. With an amazing story, with compelling and kind characters this heartwarming story is great for kids and adults alike!
4 stars.

Tara says

At the Window was really enjoyed by myself and my son. I liked that this story opened up the conversation of why there are orphanages and orphans in our world as well as spirituality. Very much a heart-touching read that I would recommend to anyone wanting to read their child a story with a little more meaning to it than most.

Stacie says

At the Window is a heartwarming tale about a little boy who discovers the magic of love by simply opening his heart.

One night Henry witnesses a shooting star and the light that begins to shine in him becomes evident to those around him. The special feeling Henry gets from the star warms his heart and brings him joy. He longs to uncover the secret of the star and allow it to shine within him always.

At the Window teaches readers about the power of love and the amazing things that can happen when we open our heart.

I recommend picking up a copy of At the Window.

Jennifer says

At the Window is such a heart-warming story about two orphans, especially the older of the two, Henry. This book just shows that hope can be found in the most high and faraway places. I would highly recommend it to children and adults alike.

Amy says

Henry and his little sister Emily are orphans. Every night Henry asks the headmistress if his sister and himself can have a nice glass of hot cocoa and some lemon drop cookies. One night Henry sees something fly by the window, a bright light. What was that he wonders. And starts waiting every Wednesday for the light.

I really enjoyed this book. It's a very heartwarming book. I give it 5 stars a definite must read.

Krista-lynn Edwards says

At the Window gives you warmth that you get when you have hope. For Henry it is all about finding that warmth and hope and it takes a while to realize what is creating that for him but he eventually finds out. The story is written as if it was being told by a young child and the illustrations match to suit the story. I have a feeling it would connect easily with children from the visualizations to written words on each page. Also it would be a good story to tell your class when there needs to be hope encouraged or if a child has a big change in their life, such as a loss of a loved one, to be able to understand and find that hope.

Ann Stark says

At the Window by Joseph Forte is a heartwarming story of the power of love.

The central character is an orphan named Henry, a sweet-natured boy who lives in an orphanage with his little sister, Emily. While Henry and Emily enjoy time together on Wednesday evening with their favourite evening snack, hot cocoa and lemon drop cookies, something amazing happens - Henry sees a streak across the starry night sky! This stirs something deep within him and he hopes to have the experience again. The following Wednesday, Henry awakens with a purpose and sets about his day in the hopes of seeing the streak across the night sky. He does! He knows that this is a sign just for him!

What Henry discovers over the course of the next week is that thing he has been longing for.....to feel like someone's child, to feel that love again. I won't spoil it for those yet to read At the Window, but your heart will be warmed, your hope renewed and you will definitely have a sweet tear in your eye!

Joseph has captured the sweet innocence of a child who despite loss still has hope. His story-telling is such that it is easy for a young reader to understand and identify with Henry's curiosity and find hope in his journey, but also so that an older reader will feel that same hope while understanding the loss that this child

feels by being an orphan. Henry's understanding at the end truly warmed my heart. As someone who lost my mother at a young age, I very much identified with Henry and his journey.

Joseph has put great heart and love into his book, and I cannot speak strongly enough about a recommendation for this book. This is a must read not only for the life lessons the book offers, but also for the warm feeling you will have at it's conclusion.

I am looking forward to Joseph's next book! He is destined to be one of our Great Canadian Authors!

Grady says

Words, and thoughts, come alive

Canadian teacher and writer Joseph Forte believes the power of the written word is priceless.? He loves Canadian music and enjoys writing articles, poetry, and children's stories. With the assistance of a former pupil Nicholas Muraco, who provides the illustrations for this very special book, Forte has succeed in creating a timeless story that is destined to become a favorite among children and adults alike.

Henry and Emily are orphans cared for by Ms. Agnes at St. Peter's Orphanage. It is winter and Henry is cold and can think only of hot cocoa and cookies. That evening Henry and Emily are enjoying their desired treat and while gazing through the window Henry sees a bright burning light in the star-studded night sky. Emily is too busy with her cookies to see it. Time passes and the next Wednesday, after rising, washing, dressing and having breakfast in the Orphanage they are off to a regular day. That afternoon Henry feels the cold and again longs for Ms Agnes' cocoa and cookies. After returning to the Orphanage and completing chores Henry asks for and receives his favored treats, wondering if this Wednesday night will be like last Wednesday's heavenly adventure. And sure enough, while enjoying their cocoa and cookies across the sky framed by the window Henry sees another burning light shooting across the sky. Henry is curious about the phenomenon by is reticent to ask Ms. Agnes or his teacher about the meaning of the burning light. He patiently waits a week for another Wednesday and anticipation overcomes him. On that day his English teacher Mr. Hendrix plays a song `Shine on Me' and Henry notes the line `Shine...I see your light again...and I need to feel it one more time.' Henry connects with the song and wonders if that `shining star' could explain what he has seen. But the next Wednesday Henry prepares his evening to see his shining star - but this time it doesn't appear: he goes to bed broken hearted. But during the night, despite the snow and the winter weather Henry notices a glow from the window and when he opens the shutters he sees a glowing presence that gives him a sense of home and he gently and warmly says, `I love you, Mom.'

Rarely has an author been able to capture not only an adventure tale that will captivate children's imaginations, but he has also provided a sensitive story about how orphans must feel without their parents, His message is tender and sweet and leaves the reader, no matter what age, with the joy of anticipation about unknown occurrences and the pleasures of discovery of things unexpected. Highly Recommended. Grady Harp, November 13

Darla says

this was one of THE BEST stories I have read that is designed for children Words cannot expressed how I felt. I felt hope crying and any other feelings a person can have. I want to especially thank Joseph for giving me the pleasure to read his works. Joseph this was brilliant any child or adult who has lost a parent should read this book. The art work was awesome as well. I know it was made for children but Joseph I lost my father and to this date I cry and pray that I make it in Heaven to be with him. Thank you so much I would recommend that EVERY PERSON should read this story especially if you have experienced a lost. It does not matter how old you are

Janie says

Such a heartwarming story!! I won this book on a First Reads giveaway and will definitely be recommending it to my fellow educators. It is a book about an orphan who finds hope in an unexpected place and despite his odds. I truly enjoyed it. I read this book to my kids last night and will read to my students today at school!

Ali says

At the Window introduces us to a little boy named Henry who finds fascination in a shooting star. Week after week he sits and waits, while looking out the playroom window to catch another glimpse of the star. By the end of the story, Henry finally finds what he's been longing for, and leaves the reader with a sense of comfort and hope. At the Window is a beautiful, touching story that will surely capture your heart. I absolutely loved it.

Marquita Herald says

Though written for the enjoyment of young children I found At the Window to be such a sweet touching story it seems almost an injustice to limit the reading of it to any particular age. Of course the orphanage setting immediately tugs at the heart, but little Henry and his sister are fortunate to find themselves living in a safe environment with a thoughtful caretaker. Still there is an ever present awareness of what's missing in their young lives, and that subtle longing becomes the source for a message of hope and love. I honestly cannot imagine a more heartfelt gift for a child this Christmas.

Erin says

The author was kind enough to send me this book so I could review it.

I read this story to my niece and we both adored the pictures throughout the book. It was an amazing opportunity to explain to her what orphans are, how we can help them, and for her to realize that not everyone has a mom and a dad. The story line was great and the ending gave me a warm fuzzy feeling. It is a story of hope, love, and finding your happy ending.

I would recommend this book to anyone needing a little hope in their lives. What a great story teller! I would read anything that this author put out.

Kathryn Svendsen says

This was a delightful book to read. It's the kind of book that you'll sit down and read together with your child over and over and over again. In the story, Henry, an orphan, sees a shooting star. The next week, he sees another and begins to wonder if it means something.

I'm not exactly sure what it was, but I was drawn into the book from the first page. Maybe it was a combination of all the elements. I really liked the way the book was laid out – I thought the font that was chosen was a nice one for children to read. I liked the use of the bold text on some of the key words. The pictures were simple, but engaging.

I liked how Mr. Forte used a normal event – lyrics from a song in a class – to bring special meaning to Henry. Henry believes it to mean that there is a special meaning to the shooting star that he has been seeing. Now he can't wait for the next one.

I did not anticipate the ending of the story. I was both surprised and delighted with it. My children are grown, so I will have to wait to read this book with my grandchildren. Now I can't wait to have some!

I would recommend this book to anyone with children. I gave this book a rating of 5 stars. I loved it!

Thank you to the author Joseph Forte who provided a copy of this book in exchange for a fair and honest review. A positive opinion was not required. All thoughts are my own.
