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How do you fight an evil wizard when your only weapon is your smarts?

A happy group of forest animals are stopped cold by a wizard's enchanted fog that whispers their greatest fears. The animals think they have to run away but a brave fox gives them a better idea. He shows them how to stand up for themselves and how to handle the problem at its source.

Join the fox and his friends as they figure out how to defeat a bully wizard—and have fun in the process!

## **The Fox Forest Band Details**

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## From Reader Review The Fox Forest Band for online ebook

### **Maryknymangmail.Com says**

This is a wonderful book for children! It teaches them a powerful lesson. I highly recommend it!

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### **Mary says**

This is an uplifting story for kids and adults. It reminds me of those Little Golden Books I read as a kid where the stories had a lesson or a positive message about life (e.g. The Little Red Hen, etc.). Fox Forest Band is about an evil force that comes into the forest. The animal friends have to come up with a way to fight it and restore their peaceful existence. They band together and form a musical group that is so powerful, it makes the force go away.

It is not a scary story for children. It has just the right amount of conflict appropriate for a young person. It focuses more on all the fun things and effort the forest animals do to solve their problem. It's about teamwork, collaboration, friendship and faith. The rhyming and rhythm is nicely paced.

This story is an example of a simple truth: Don't let anything try to get you down or make you feel bad. If someone/something tries to do that, use your positive energy and creative thinking and actions to overcome it, because those are stronger than negative forces. And the more people (or in this case, animals) who do that, the greater the effect.

The illustrations were fun and friendly, too. I hope we get to see future books with this wonderful little group of characters.

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### **Erik This Kid Reviews Books says**

I really liked the message in this book – if you find a way to stand up for yourself, you should do it. The writing is very playful, and has created a fun setting for a great story. The book has awesome watercolor illustrations throughout the story, too. They add an extra dimension to the book. The story has nice rhyme to it. I like how the book is teaching a lesson of standing up for yourself in a sneaky way – it's wrapped in a fun story. The lesson of the story and the illustrations really make this one a stand out! I enjoyed reading the book.

\*NOTE\* I got a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review

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### **Mehsi says**

3.5 stars. I received this book from the author in exchange of an honest review.

This was a cute little book about standing up for yourself. In the forest (and world) where these animals live, there are also wizards, wizards who like to bully the animals (tsk, bad bad wizard!). The book starts off

pretty cute and fluffy, but soon the fog of fear descents and we can see the animals become afraid, you see them share their fears with neighbours and friends. Even though the book is short (only 24 pages) and is a picture book, you could just feel the fear, you could see that this fog, and this wizard wasn't someone you would mess with.

I loved how the animals decided to band together and do something awesome, I won't say what, though the title and cover do kind of spoil the surprise, but at least you didn't hear it from me. ;) I really liked the solution, and I hope that they will bring lots of happiness around the world, hopefully those bad bully wizards will learn not to mess around, though, knowing how bullies are, I guess they will never learn.

The illustrations are pretty decent, they looked really good at times, a bit less at other times, but I still see that the illustrator/author put a lot of love and time in them.

The only thing that I didn't find matching was the font, it felt a bit out of place and a bit too big.

Other than that, I would say that people should try this out, it is a fun book, and I think kids will like it.

Review first posted at <http://twirlingbookprincess.com/>

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### **Jesse Johnson says**

This book was super cute! Its beautifully written and the illustrations i think are watercolor. I can't wait to read this to my daughter and would also make a good shower gift for a pregnant mamma or for a younger kids birthday. The story is a really nice lesson, something you'd want your kids to use in their lives -- overcoming the bullies they will no doubt encounter. it's always nice to find that in a story.

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### **Today We Did says**

Today We Did

An evil wizard comes to the forest, spreading a thick fog to frighten and cower the forest animals. At first they all want to run away and hide, but then the smart fox outlines his plan to fight the wizard. The animals work together, and stand bravely to face the bullying wizard and regain their safety.

This is a nice picture book with rhyming text, and cute forest animals. It has a simple and uplifting message about overcoming bullying, and is a good place to start a conversation with kids about this often difficult topic. My kids wanted to know why the wizard was so mean, but they were happy that the animals stood their ground even though they were frightened. I loved the way the animals made their instruments from things they found in the forest, quite ingenious really. Seeing the spider joining in with a tiny little instrument made me happy too.

The Fox Forest Band is beautifully illustrated throughout with water colour images of the forest and its inhabitants. We had fun finding the fuzzy little spider in each scene, though my kids pointed out that it only has six legs in a couple of scenes! The animals are really cute, and the text is still clear and easy to read on each page. I liked the hedgehog, while my daughter liked the fox best.

This is a good book for pre-schoolers and primary school children. I read The Fox Forest Band with my toddlers, and they sat through it, pointing to the animals and enjoying it. My older kids got more out of the actual story, but it was still popular with everyone in our family.

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\*I received this book as a digital copy from the author, who asked me for an honest review of this book. I did not receive any other remuneration, and the review is composed entirely of my own opinions.

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### **Kristi Bernard says**

Deep in an old beautiful forest were friendly happy animals. But there was also a thick fog generated by a wicked wizard that threatened the happy animals in their beautiful forest. An uneasy fear settled amongst the creatures and they didn't know how they could keep the fog away. That is, until a fox came to the rescue. His plan was to put together a forest band so the music could thin the fog and defeat the wizard. But how could this group who didn't normally play instruments win against the wizard and his wicked fog?

Author Lisa E. Lindman has created a delightful tale of friendship and comradery. Soft pastel water color images by illustrator Chandra Wheeler add harmony against the mystery and bring the story to life for young readers. The rhythmic rhyming words add just the right touch of fun and suspense. Simple sentence structure make this story a great read for any beginner. Parents, teachers and caregivers will enjoy it too.

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### **Mary says**

What a wonderful, delightful book! I enjoyed the story of The Fox Forest Band and I'm sure young and old alike will love its message, too! The illustrations are subtle, colorful and very appealing, too.

A great book with a timely message about using your wits to overcome adversity.

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### **Alison Ryan says**

What a great children's story! My son is 11 months so his attention span does not last long with most books, yet he was fixated on the adorable characters and illustrations. This book was well written and had a wonderful message regarding bullying. I look forward to reading it over and over with my little bookworm as he continues to get into reading more and more.

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### **Elyse Arezzini johnson says**

This book is fun and clever. I LOVE the rhyming! The illustrations are also amazing. Such a beautiful book!

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### **Trish says**

The Fox Forest Band is a lovely picture book for young children. Lovable woodland animals encounter a fog sent by a bullying wizard. They find a way to beat the fog - and the bullying - by working together to form a band.

The story is told in rhyme, and it is clever and appealing. It would make a great read aloud for preschool age children.

The animals' ingenuity will inspire young children who see them problem solving together, making music together, and discovering the power of friendship. I loved the details, too, like:

"The mice formed shakers from nuts and seeds,  
kazoos were made from river reeds.

Beavers found drums and fashioned flutes, and  
others made guitars, cymbals and lutes."

The lovely illustrations by Chandra Wheeler add to the story's appeal. Children will enjoy reading this book again and again! Highly recommended for a home library or preschool classroom.

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### **Brooke Dabalos says**

A magical book filled with beautiful words and images! The softness and love that the world needs within a sweet story. Great for adults and children alike!

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### **Krista says**

Overall, The Fox Forest Band lacked imagination for a children's book. I guess making loud noise to defeat a wizard with a dark fog was a great thought for a children's book? Also, when the animals play as loud as they can to not hear the "dark fog" of dreary thoughts, they can't even say they are playing good music. The animals play a bit off key and then travel the world showing others how to play really loud and off key music???? I gave this book an ok rating because my children enjoyed the illustrations, however, my children did not like the storyline.

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### **Dawn says**

I received a free copy of this book for an honest review.

The Fox Forest Band is a picture book for children. The text is simple and it rhymes, so it will easily keep the attention of young children. Along with the story are colorful and detailed illustrations that are

impressive. The illustrations would make this a good book for reading aloud to one or several children.

Along with the cute story is a lesson, which I always like. It's about an evil wizard's fog that the forest animals are going to run away from until the sly fox convinces them that it would be better to stand up to the fog by making loud music because if they can't hear it, it won't frighten them. It's a unique story that encourages children to stand up to bullies.

The Fox Forest Band would be a great addition to any child's library.

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### **Tracy Terry says**

Once upon a time there was a wood.

MEMORABLE MOMENT: We can beat the wizard and take a stand by forming our very own fox forest band.

SOURCE: My thanks to the author for sending me a copy to review.

MY THOUGHTS: Wow! Not just a fox but (my favourite) a hedgehog, a mouse, a big brown bear AND a multitude of other woodland creatures. And that's not to mention an evil wizard, 'his heart ice cold', his weapon an enchanted fog.

Told in rhyme, this is a wonderful story at the heart of which is a message all about the power of friendship, of working as a team to overcome a bully.

And oh my goodness! Those illustrations. Beautifully done in water colours. Even if too young to fully understand the sentiments behind the story I'm confident that these will be loved by all but the very youngest of children.

Normally the kind of book I'd pass onto my great-nephews (almost five and just turned two) but I'll have to buy another copy as this is a perfect edition for my collection of books featuring hedgehogs.

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