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To bee or not to bee? A lonely, overlarge insect tries a new identity on for size in a wacky, wonderful tale of true friendship.

All Jerry Bee wants is to make friends, but that's hard to do when you're the most enormous bee anyone has ever seen. Then a wig changes Jerry's life: when he puts it on, he looks just like a boy! Jerry creates quite a buzz with his kindness and generosity, and for the first time, he has friends. But will his new pals stick around when his true identity is revealed? In this zany and tender tale, written and illustrated by Cece Bell, Jerry finds that having friends you can "bee" yourself around is as sweet as honey.

Bee-Wigged Details

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From Reader Review Bee-Wigged for online ebook

David Schaafsma says

Bell has a bizarre sense of humor. A giant bee that wants to fit in as a human (for some reason) gets a wig and suddenly passes as a human (just go with it. . .). But (spoiler alert) the bee and we later find out that the bee is not a wig, but a really hairy guinea pig (wait! how did we not SEE this?!), who becomes a friend.

I know, it makes no sense, but Harry (10) ran up the stairs laughing to tell me it was a 5 star book for him, and to relate the whole plot to me and insist I read it. Bell doesn't really care so much what I think of it. She would want to know what Harry thinks, though. So I bumped up my rating a notch because of Harry.

The Book Box says

I love bumblebees, and thought this book was really fun! My mom read it to me, and she thought it was really funny too.

Emily says

Cece Bell writes that "Jerry's story is very much my own story--in school, I hoped that if I wowed people with kindness, they would see beyond my weirdness and befriend me. It worked!" The delight is in the details, in this story about an enormous bumble bee (which in real life are not much interested in stinging you but can do a lot of damage if you really provoke them) who is lonely because everyone runs away from him all the time. He finds what looks like a wig and puts it on, and is mistaken for a boy. He becomes very popular...until....his true identity is discovered. Ultimately, he is accepted just for who he is, a nice lesson for a kid's story, especially for kids who don't quite fit in perfectly.

Mary Crockett says

Cece Bell has done the near impossible task of creating a book that is equally loved by children, parents, teachers, and (I suspect) really big bees. The story of Jerry Bee and his heroic bid for social acceptance teaches (without being all "teach-y") young readers to look beyond the stripes on someone's outside to find the bee-auty within. I'll be very surprised if Ms. Bell doesn't win an award for this funny and socially relevant book.

Heartwarming, quirky, and profound. Not to mention hilarious!

This is one your child will want to read again and again -- and so will you!

Rebecca Cauffman says

Aw, the poor bee just wants a friend but no one wants a giant bee for a friend until Jerry finds a wig!

Erika Olvey says

Great story about friendship and being proud to be YOU! Our 2nd grade class loved the wig surprise! LOTS of laughs with a great lesson.

Shamika Fusco says

KInda cool. It had a few puns that make you laugh. His experiences are cool and make you feel connected to him!

Heidi says

My preK and K students love this story and keep talking about Jerry Bee and Wiglet. A good starting point for discussions on appearances and preconceived notions; also about kindness. One question which caused confused looks on some faces was, "Have you ever said thank you to the lunch ladies or to the housekeeper?" Many had never considered doing so.

Damien Cowger says

Sweet lesson on why people shouldn't be judgy. Especially when a homie rocks a hairpiece.

Lisa Boyd says

Love this story about judging people by their actions, not their appearance

Amanda says

I never thought I wanted to see a bee wear a toupee, then this book happened, and my life is forever changed.

Brittany says

Well this book took an unexpected turn. SPOILER: The wig isn't actually a wig, it is a guinea pig! An overall cute story about befriending even the most unlikely of "people" in your life.

Brenda says

This silly title will engage young readers and listeners with its simple, bright illustrations and familiar story. Many will easily recognize the plea to accept others as they are instead of making snap decisions. Beyond that it doesn't have a lot to offer. I recommend it as an additional purchase only for school libraries.

Scope says

Quick, what's the most ridiculous thing you've heard lately? How about a bee, wearing a toupee, who is mistaken for a child? That makes my recently ridiculous top five. In "Bee-Wigged" Cece Bell (author/illustrator of the "Sock Monkey" titles) provides a fat dollop of silliness sour cream atop a baked potato of truth - that it can be hard to find your niche when you're different.

Jerry Bee does the opposite of fit in. Not only is he a bee (strike one), but he's also a giant bee (we'll skip right to "you're out!"). We're talking person-sized insect here. When you're a giant bee out in public, folks tend to avoid you. Or scream and run. One day Jerry finds a wig on the side of the road and decides to try it on. The results are astounding. The disguise works, and people begin to see Jerry as a normal kid. Well, not just normal - exceptional. Everyone loves Jerry. It turns out that he's funny and artistic and helpful. Jerry Bee is so beloved that he is asked to grand marshall the annual school parade. When our hero's wig is blown off by a gust of wind, Jerry quickly realizes that his day in the sun may be over. That is, until his wig starts talking. I mentioned ridiculous, right?

The bright, unfussy ink and acrylic illustrations pair nicely with the storyline. The goofiness of the plot is mirrored in the stubby, neckless (or should I say neck-free) rendering of the characters.

"Bee-Wigged" will check off a number of boxes in your collection:

√ Solid read aloud choice

√ A good pick for "I'm looking for a funny book" kids

√ A "be yourself" book with kid appeal

A trifecta which makes this one a quality selection.

Kelly Carey says

I did not see the surprise coming.
