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### Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

PreS-Gr 2—Peter and his dog Harold are unhappy to find themselves on a journey with their dad through the dark woods on their way to a new home. Peter thinks the move is a terrible idea and if Harold weren't a dog, even he would do something about it. However, the decision has been made and Peter strongly dislikes the ominous looking trees that sit waiting darkly across the wooden bridge by the new house. The woods could be filled with terrible creatures. That first night, Peter and Harold cannot sleep. The next day, Peter takes action by creating a watchman, Lenny, out of pillows and blankets to guard the bridge. This is better, but something is still not quite right. Lenny needs a friend. So Peter and Harold create Lucy and the four become fast friends, making the home by the woods not so bad after all. Then they welcome Millie, who lives next door and likes looking for owls. This timeless story of a boy using his imagination to cope with loss and acclimate to a new environment is sure to draw in readers of all ages. The text is wonderfully imaginative and the mysterious nature of the woods lends feelings of excitement and intrigue. The illustrations perfectly match the mood of the tale, with the backgrounds created in cold grayscale and the characters popping to life with warm oranges, greens, and blues. VERDICT A wonderfully creative story of resilience and friendship.—Amy Shepherd, St. Anne's Episcopal School, Middleton, DE

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“A quiet, comforting tale of finding where you belong.” *?Booklist*

“A wonderfully creative story of resilience and friendship.” *?School Library Journal, starred review*

“Hypnotic artwork and storytelling invite children to linger in the wild woods of worry and emerge intact, enriched, and utterly invigorated by this complex, contemporary fairy tale.” *?Kirkus Reviews, starred review*

“Erin Stead uses faded grays for the alien forest and warm, quiet color for the story's living souls. What stands out is the Steads' (*Bear Has a Story to Tell*) ability to evoke the wordless intimacy and companionship that every child needs—and will make for themselves, if necessary.” *?Publishers Weekly, starred review*

### About the Author

**Philip C. Stead** is the author and illustrator of *A Home for Bird*, which received four starred reviews and *Hello, My Name is Ruby*, which earned three starred reviews. His latest book, *Sebastian and the Balloon*, has received 2 starred reviews so far.

**Erin E. Stead** is the illustrator of many picture books, including the acclaimed *And Then It's Spring* (4 starred reviews) and *If You Want to See a Whale* (3 starred reviews).

Together, Phil and Erin created *A Sick Day for Amos McGee*, winner of the 2011 Caldecott Medal, as well as *Bear Has a Story To Tell*, named a *Kirkus Reviews* Best Book of the Year. This is their third book together for Roaring Brook Press. They live in a 100-year-old barn in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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