

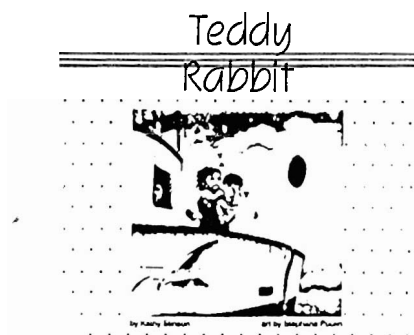
Reviews

Teddy Rabbit

by Kathy Stinson

Art by Stéphane Poulin

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Stinson's newest book **Teddy Rabbit**, published this year, is a totally different book from the other books she has written. **Teddy Rabbit** evolves from Stinson's own love of teddys. This book is dedicated to her teddy and her love and admiration of never really growing up. The text has more print and it is much more explicit, leading to an actual plot. There are characters in this story which are not developed with great detail but are very believable. The illustrations are remarkable and compliment the text wonderfully. Stéphane Poulin's illustrations make the story become real and magical.

The story line is very simple and easy reading. The format is interesting. It has a certain style. It is not written in traditional paragraph format.

Teddy Rabbit is about a little boy's love for his stuffed toy. Teddy rabbit is his security blanket and the dilemma he has is: will his rabbit be accepted at the teddy bears picnic, because it's supposed to be an affair for teddy's only? The conclusion is a happy one because there were teddy cats, teddy monkeys and teddy lions.

Stinson's contribution in this story is to be happy with what you have and not to fear the unknown. Throughout this book she brings out fond memories of childhood treasured toys which we as adults had one at one time or the other. Children can become very comfortable with this story because it is real in their eyes, as most children experience and have treasured possessions like a teddy rabbit.