

Teddy Rabbit



Teddy Rabbit, Kathy Stinson. Illus. Stéphane Poulin. Annick Press, 1988. Unpag. \$12.95, \$4.95 cloth, paper. ISBN 1-55037-017-0, 1-55037-016-2.

Most of us can remember only too vividly that sinking sensation we experienced upon discovering we had lost or misplaced a favourite possession. It added to our misery to know that some belongings can never be replaced.

Picture a child on his way to a Teddy Bear picnic on Toronto Centre Island who drops his cherished "Teddy Rabbit" on the subway tracks. Few of us could fail to be moved by the child's plight, especially those of us who know of the attachments children form for particular toys.

Kathy Stinson's *Teddy Rabbit* is a moving new children's book. The plot moves at a good pace to a satisfying conclusion. Stéphane Poulin, the young illustrator of this book, captures both the human theme and the essence of Toronto in his drawings.

Most of us who work with small children eagerly await new books from Kathy Stinson. In *Teddy Rabbit* her collaboration with Stéphane Poulin adds a new dimension to her work. This book would be an excellent addition to any young child's collection. It is recommended for preschoolers and kindergarten children.