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From Newbery Honoree Marion Dane Bauer comes a heartwarming novel in verse that's a companion to the "wholly satisfying&" (*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review) *Little Dog, Lost*.

When an indoor calico cat named Patches spots a golden autumn leaf fluttering past her window, she can't help but venture outside to chase it. But soon, Patches feels something tugging at her, telling her to find a special place--one she won't know until she sees it. Why must she go on this search? She doesn't know yet.

Along the way, Patches finds herself in dire circumstances, but with the help of the other neighborhood animals, she faces off against the scariest dog in town and continues on her journey to her special place.

Beautifully told in verse and accompanied by adorable illustrations by Jennifer A. Bell, this heartwarming novel from Newbery Honor winner, Marion Dane Bauer, is a timeless, touching, and fulfilling story about finding your way home.

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Max says

Patches is lead away from home by a golden leaf. She is lost and asks the moon for help and spots food in Gus's doghouse. When she sneaks in, she suddenly feels a rumble in her stomach. She calls for help and Gus comes just when she has a baby...

Terrie says

Such a cute story. Loved it. Would make a great read aloud.

Molly says

I really loved this book to begin with... Then, after the climax, I felt like there was less effort put into the descriptions. The first half - for me - was definitely better than the second half.

I read this book before the little dog book, but will probably also read the little dog one, with hope that the creative writing lasts the entire time.

Melanie Dulaney says

What a wonderfully satisfying story and one of the 2017-2018 Texas Bluebonnet books! This narrative poem tells the story of a calico cat, Patches, and her search for the perfect "special place." Sprinkled throughout are areas of concrete poetry that flow in and out of the text seamlessly. The figurative language abounds and the strong characterization of Patches and the meanest dog in town, Gus, will provide plenty of material for ELA teachers in all elementary grades. This librarian highly recommends "Little Cat's Luck" to readers of all ages.

Ellen Zarate says

Pure sweetness. Patches the cat is trying to find a place that feels special to her. Her quest leads her to meet some unlikely animal characters, including the meanest dog in town. Marion Dane Bauer teases the reader with some early proposed happy endings to the story, but the reward for reading through to the end is worth it.

Kelvin says

Patches spots a golden leaf and follows it from her house. The leaf leads Patches far away from her home,

then it disappears from sight. She hasn't eaten since breakfast that morning, so she asks the moon for help. Shortly after, a red squirrel appears. The squirrel gets the other animals. Meanwhile, Patches sneaks into the meanest dog in town, Gus' doghouse. Her tummy made a rumbling noise, but she can't figure out why. So she cries out, "Help!". Gus heard her and started toward the doghouse. But when he got there, he saw an unscared cat looking up at him. Then a small kitten popped out of the cat. Patches said to Gus, "Maybe you'd like to name him." Gus named the kitten "Moonshadow". The others were: Little Thomas and Gustina. Then they heard some sounds. The other animals had arrived. Patches described her house the best she could, but the other animals saw many houses that fit Patches' description. So Patches left her babies and set off to find her house. Once they found it, the girl came out and took Patches. But the other animals made such a racket, the door flew open again, and a mouse scared the girl, making her drop Patches. Patches ran to Gus' doghouse and showed her owner her kittens. The girl got Patches back and had a happy ending.

David says

At first glance, this appears to be an epic poem. But read it aloud to your kid and you realize it's actually fairly normal prose with unusual line-breaks and some typographical tomfoolery. There is *some* poetic language, but otherwise, you might as well be reading a typical chapter book.

But while the appearance of being different on the page is little more than surface deep, this actually *is* an unusual story. I truly had no idea where this story was going. It bucks all conventions of children's storytelling and does its own thing.

None of that matters. It's a simple story about a cat. My kiddo liked it and it grew on me as well.

Becky Zales says

A cute emotional story for those who love cats and dogs, all animals. Patches leaves her home in search of a dark quiet place which happens to be a doghouse, why? For Gus, the meanest dog in town, a visit from this unexpected guest is just what he needs. Marion Dane Bauer's book presents a nice lesson about kindness and patience despite differences and assumptions about one another.

The story was longer than I expected for a children's book, but is excellent for reading out loud. As for Gus, I just loved Gus.

Valerie Holmes says

ADORABLE. This book is about a little cat (Patches), who sets off on an adventure following a golden fall leaf, and takes you on a roller coaster of a ride. We selected this book as our first mini book club book, (7/8yo girls.) I (an adult) really enjoyed the empathy and feelings that were portrayed in this book. It really sparked strong conversations between the girls to explore WHY characters FELT they way they did, and HOW that might have been different if their circumstances had been different. They girls loved it (all of them), and mine loved it so much she read it twice! If you are on the fence, I do hope you'll give it try. The chapters are written in a fun/fanciful way to keep little readers enticed. They are short chapters, which helps to control lengthy bedtimes. And the story is one that will warm your heart.

Kathy says

"How much gentler our world would be if only we knew how to listen to one another."
My granddaughter will love this book, just like I did.

Kirsten Wiley says

This verse novel was a pleasant, quick read. I loved all of the animals, hoping for the happiest of outcomes for all characters, animals and humans alike, as I turned each page.

I love how the poems read, with some using special formatting. Because I read it through the kindle app, some of those formats were a little confusing on the small phone screen. A larger screen or print version would probably be the best way to enjoy this one!

Jennifer Eckert says

This is a really sweet book written in verse about a naive cat, the meanest dog in the world, a little red squirrel, and a mouseling who all come together to help the cat in her time of need. The poetry is fun, although occasionally tricky to figure out when the author does some concrete or shape poetry. I especially loved the story of the dog who was only mean because he was lonely; it's a good lesson in treating those who seem nasty with kindness.

Diane says

"How much gentler our world could be if we only knew how to listen to one another."

Patches, a little cat, has a need to find a special place. And though she's been searching in the house, she can't find the special place she needs. Until one day, a little yellow leaf wafts down in front of the watching window, and calls to Patches. And, as luck would have it, the screen is loose and Patches is able to get outside and chase the leaf.

Now, Patches is ill-equipped for this journey. "The truth was, she knew as much about living outside on her own as you and I would know about living on the moon." When she hears the dog barking, Patches figures this dog would know where to find her special place.

But Gus is known as the meanest dog in town. He is constantly chasing people away with this bark as he prowls along his chain link fence all day long. Is Gus really mean? Or is he lonely? After all, he never gets to go in the house to be with his boy. "You see, the main ingredient for happiness - for dogs as well as for humans - is having someone to love."

Together these two animals break through stereotypes and find a way to help each other. A wonderful story with many nuggets of truth for all. The voice is charming, addressing the reader at times to make it sound like we're friends with the narrator. "Cats, as you may have noticed, are not much inclined to take responsibility for their own mistakes."

AMY says

(poetry?) 211 pages. This is an interesting book. Beautiful words drip off the pages. It is well-written with lots of lovely language - adjectives and adverbs are well chosen. The physical movement of words on the page is fun. If you like cats, you will like it. I read 10 pages and it was wonderful so far...I would recommend it for Grades 2-5.

Grace says

I have to admit, at first I thought this book was going to be... not the best. But this book was SO good. Patches's adventure about meeting Gus was really good. And at the part where Gus "turns against" Patches, I hated Gus! But it turned out fine. This book was adorable, touching and the best book for animal lovers.
