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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Starred Review. PreSchool-Grade 3-This tale based on a true story about a charming penguin family living in New York City's Central Park Zoo will capture the hearts of penguin lovers everywhere. Roy and Silo, two male penguins, are "a little bit different." They cuddle and share a nest like the other penguin couples, and when all the others start hatching eggs, they want to be parents, too. Determined and hopeful, they bring an egg-shaped rock back to their nest and proceed to start caring for it. They have little luck, until a watchful zookeeper decides they deserve a chance at having their own family and gives them an egg in need of nurturing. The dedicated and enthusiastic fathers do a great job of hatching their funny and adorable daughter, and the three can still be seen at the zoo today. Done in soft watercolors, the illustrations set the tone for this uplifting story, and readers will find it hard to resist the penguins' comical expressions. The well-designed pages perfectly marry words and pictures, allowing readers to savor each illustration. An author's note provides more information about Roy, Silo, Tango, and other chinstrap penguins. This joyful story about the meaning of family is a must for any library.-*Julie Roach, Watertown Free Public Library, MA*

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Starred Review PreS-Gr. 2. Roy and Silo were "a little bit different" from the other male penguins: instead of noticing females, they noticed each other. Thus penguin chick Tango, hatched from a fertilized egg given to the pining, bewildered pair, came to be "the only penguin in the Central Park Zoo with two daddies." As told by Richardson and Parnell (a psychiatrist and playwright), this true story remains firmly within the bounds of the zoo's polar environment, as do Cole's expressive but still realistic watercolors (a far cry from his effete caricatures in Harvey Fierstein's *The Sissy Duckling*, 2002). Emphasizing the penguins' naturally ridiculous physiques while gently acknowledging their situation, Cole's pictures complement the perfectly cadenced text--showing, for example, the bewildered pair craning their necks toward a nest that was "nice, but a little empty." Indeed, intrusions from the zookeeper, who remarks that the nuzzling males "must be in love," strike the narrative's only false note. Further facts about the episode conclude, but it's naive to expect this will be read only as a zoo anecdote. However, those who share this with children will find themselves returning to it again and again--not for the entree it might offer to matters of human sexuality, but for the two irresistible birds at its center and for the celebration of patient, loving fathers who "knew just what to do."

Jennifer Mattson

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Review

"A touching and delightful variation on a major theme." (Maurice Sendak)

"This wonderful story of devotion is heartwarming proof that Mother Nature knows best." (Harvey Fierstein)

"Charming! And Tango Makes Three proves that all kinds of love can create a family." (Wendy Wasserstein)

"A little miracle for children. Funny, tender, and true, the story of Tango will delight young readers and open their minds." (John Lithgow)

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patient, loving fathers who 'knew just what to do.'" (*Booklist, starred review*)

*"[A] hearwarming tale. Older readers will most appreciate the...larger theme of tolerance at work in this touching tale." (*Publishers Weekly, starred review*)

*"This joyful story about the meaning of family is a must for any library." (*School Library Journal, starred review*)

*"In this true, straightforwardly (so to speak) delivered tale, two male chinstrap penguins at New York City's Central Park Zoo bond, build a nest and--thanks to a helping hand from an observant zookeeper--hatch and raise a penguin chick...Readers may find its theme of acceptance even more convincing for being delivered in such a matter of fact, non-preachy way." (*Kirkus Reviews, starred review*)

"A charming and adorable story that proves love isn't confined by a set of rules of what's right or wrong. Love is Love." (*Nathan Lane & Devlin Elliot*)

"While this could introduce a discussion about various kinds of families, it's also a cheerful and endearing animal story that should please any aficionado of the zoo's penguin enclosure." (*BCCB*)

"Tango Makes Three rises above the message it carries and becomes the rarest of birds, a 'message book' that's also a really good story." (*NYTBR*)

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Dean Green:

Spent a free time to be fun activity to perform! A lot of people spent their free time with their family, or all their friends. Usually they doing activity like watching television, planning to beach, or picnic in the park. They actually doing same every week. Do you feel it? Will you something different to fill your own free time/ holiday? Might be reading a book can be option to fill your cost-free time/ holiday. The first thing that you ask may be what kinds of guide that you should read. If you want to try look for book, may be the guide untitled And Tango Makes Three can be excellent book to read. May be it might be best activity to you.

James Smith:

Playing with family in the park, coming to see the coastal world or hanging out with good friends is thing that usually you may have done when you have spare time, then why you don't try point that really opposite from that. One particular activity that make you not sense tired but still relaxing, trilling like on roller coaster you are ride on and with addition of knowledge. Even you love And Tango Makes Three, you are able to enjoy both. It is very good combination right, you still desire to miss it? What kind of hang type is it? Oh occur its mind hangout guys. What? Still don't have it, oh come on its referred to as reading friends.

Paul Ring:

And Tango Makes Three can be one of your basic books that are good idea. All of us recommend that

straight away because this publication has good vocabulary that may increase your knowledge in words, easy to understand, bit entertaining but nonetheless delivering the information. The article writer giving his/her effort to set every word into joy arrangement in writing And Tango Makes Three yet doesn't forget the main point, giving the reader the hottest and also based confirm resource info that maybe you can be certainly one of it. This great information may drawn you into new stage of crucial contemplating.

Edward McCain:

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