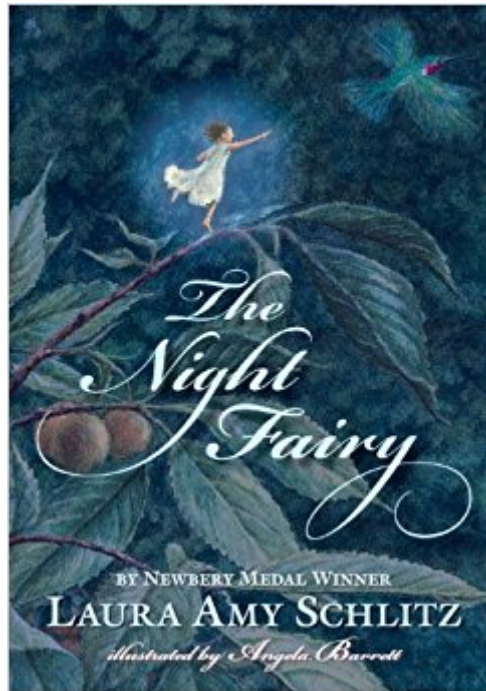




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The Night Fairy



Synopsis

From 2008 Newbery Medalist Laura Amy Schlitz comes an exhilarating new adventure and a thoroughly original fairy who is a true force of nature. What would happen to a fairy if she lost her wings and could no longer fly? Flory, a young night fairy no taller than an acorn and still becoming accustomed to her wings as beautiful as those of a luna moth is about to find out. What she discovers is that the world is very big and very dangerous. But Flory is fierce and willing to do whatever it takes to survive. If that means telling others what to do like Skuggle, a squirrel ruled by his stomach so be it. Not every creature, however, is as willing to bend to Flory's demands. Newbery Medal winner Laura Amy Schlitz and world-renowned illustrator and miniaturist Angela Barrett venture into the realm of the illustrated classic a classic entirely and exquisitely of their making, and a magnificent adventure.

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Customer Reviews

Best Books of the Month, February 2010: You don't have to be a follower of those mysterious winged creatures to love this unique fairy tale from 2009 Newbery Medal-winner Laura Amy Schlitz. The book's heroine, Flory is certainly not your garden variety fairy. After

losing her wings in a run-in with a bat, she must learn to survive among the hungry daylight creatures of the Giantess's garden. Between pesky squirrels, cagey spiders, and stubborn hummingbirds, Flory's got her work cut out for herself. But, this fearless fairy quickly learns how skills like quick thinking, diplomacy, compassion, and acts of bravery can take her farther than her lost wings ever could. The Night Fairy makes an enchanting read-aloud story, as well as a gem to be treasured in the hands of readers of all ages. From its petite format and shimmering blue interior to Angela Barrett's exquisite illustrations, every detail of this little volume is perfectly suited to its small, but mighty subject. --Lauren Nemroff --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Starred Review. Grade 1 • Flory is a night fairy who is still becoming accustomed to her beautiful mothlike wings when a run-in with a bat drops her into a strange garden unable to fly. She is forced to learn to survive in the daylight and takes up residence in a birdhouse in a Giantess's garden. Flory, no taller than an acorn, struggles at first with squirrels, hummingbirds, spiders, and other creatures that do not look at the world the same way she does. She quickly learns that kindness, compassion, generosity, and bravery can help her to make much-needed friends. Written in short chapters, this beautifully crafted tale works equally well as a read-aloud or as independent reading. Barrett's full-color watercolor illustrations add depth and perspective to the story. Detailed and drawn to scale, they give readers a sense of just how tiny Flory is compared to the other animals. Children will enjoy looking at this garden from the perspective of the tiny but resilient protagonist. Sure to be a favorite among girls who love fairies. •Sarah Polace, Cuyahoga County Public Library, Parma, OH (c) Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Beautifully done little story - perfectly crafted with lovely accompanying illustrations. Appreciated the way this small story has just the right details to pull you into Flory's life and challenges. Her feelings transitioning from scared and lonely to thoughtful and considering to brave and triumphant were a great tale for my little ones. It's a story about growing on the inside - and I love the way it was so subtly done. The hardcover book is just a thing of beauty as well with the night colored sparkly fly leaf pages and the fairy imprinted into the cover. Just precious and a new favorite.

My 6 year old daughter loved this book. There is a mean energy sometimes, okay a lot of the time.

Especially the way the Night Fairy treats her squirrel friend. Has a good ending though, and we do have to deal with all sorts of people in life!

This book delighted me all the way through. I loved her bravado under threatening circumstances. I loved the world building and imagery. Nicely done. I picked up the book from the library.

Night Fairy is a magical book, just like fairies! It's an enchanting story with an easy to follow plot. Flory, the protagonist, faces great challenges, but proves to be courageous, determined and innovative. The world of nature, the surrounding gardens, is beautifully captured and the unexpected friendships that develop are truly inspiring. This is a quality literature that all children should read.

my daughter has request more from this author

I liked ' The Night Fairy' because, being autistic, I am very curious what it would be like to be small. Flory helps me imagine that.

It's so rare anymore to read a young adult novel that is so fine, both in storytelling and design. But the care with which the book is crafted -- lush illustrations, paper that is fine to the touch, and elegant design -- are matched by the quality of the story. The tale is spun like the fine silk of a spider's web in the first light of day. It pleased me as much as it did my two children, 7 and 10 years old. We have already read it several times together, and will do so again I am sure!

I bought this wonderful book for my grandchildren only to find that it was equally pleasing to adults. It is the best fairy book I've read since The Borrowers and is just as well-written. The illustrations are as enchanting as the story. I have given this book to young friends as a gift and highly recommend it.

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