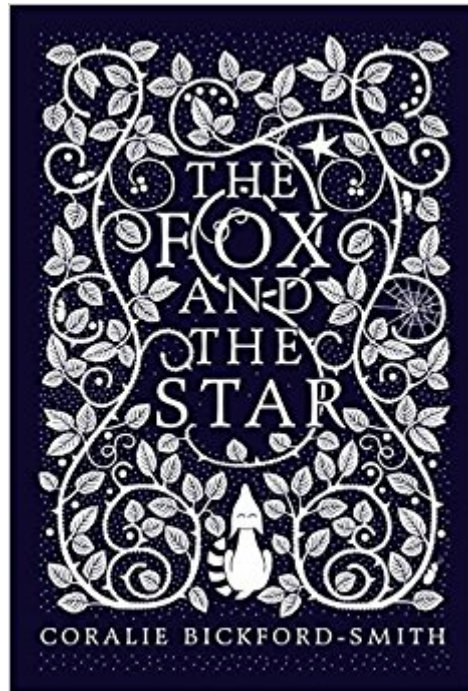




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The Fox And The Star



Synopsis

From the award-winning designer of the iconic Penguin Hardcover Classics comes a beautifully illustrated fable about loss, friendship, and courage. The Fox and the Star is the story of a friendship between a lonely Fox and the Star who guides him through the frightfully dark forest. Illuminated by Star's rays, Fox forages for food, runs with the rabbits, and dances in the rain until Star suddenly goes out and life changes, leaving Fox huddling for warmth in the unfamiliar dark. To find his missing Star, Fox must embark on a wondrous journey beyond the world he knows—a journey lit by courage, newfound friends, and just maybe, a star-filled new sky. Inspired by the Arts and Crafts movement and the art of William Blake, The Fox and the Star is a heartwarming, hopeful tale which comes alive through Bickford-Smith's beloved illustrations, guiding readers both young and grown to "look up beyond your ears."

Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

Customer Reviews

"Brilliant . . . a delight."-Philip Pullman "What keeps the pages turning is the remarkable illustrations, which shift from spread to spread... It's a spectacular show of friendship's power to change and fill lives."-The Boston Globe "A beautiful piece of design coupled with thoughtful prose [a] masterpiece."-Newsweek "The most physically beautiful book I had the pleasure of holding in my hands in 2015! Really, The Fox and the Star is an art book, a chance for the

abundantly talented Bickford-Smith – best-known for designing the crave-worthy Penguin hardcover classics – to create an entire book from scratch. The simple story of a young fox who loses his best friend only to discover a whole new world makes a sweet premise, but the main attraction is Bickford-Smith’s masterful exercise of the book designer’s craft.

• Laura Miller, *Slate* – “A delightful surprise for fairy tale lovers of all ages.

• Parade – “Book designer Coralie Bickford-Smith has created a volume that’s as close to a work of art as anything mass-produced can be.

• It’s a quiet allegory made perfect by exquisite, pattern-based illustrations printed on heavy paper. While older children will be mesmerized, *The Fox and the Star* is for readers of any age who appreciate sophisticated visuals. Grade: A+

• Cleveland Plain Dealer – “One of the most beautiful kids books in recent memory.

• St. Louis Post-Dispatch – “An unusual, pleasantly old-fashioned | gorgeous production value and moving illustrations.

• Booklist – Praise for Coralie Bickford-Smith: “Coralie Bickford-Smith is the queen of beautiful book covers,

• Grace Bonney, *Design Sponge* – “Penguin’s brightest star is not an author but an illustrator called Coralie Bickford-Smith.

• AbeBooks – “Penguin Design geeks and bookworms alike have fallen in love with Bickford-Smith’s beautiful and thoughtful work.

• Fast Company – “Coralie Bickford-Smith is easily our favorite book cover designer.

• Brain Pickings – “London-based Coralie Bickford-Smith is the darling of the book design world.

• Bon Appetit

Coralie Bickford-Smith is a designer at Penguin Books. Her book covers have been recognized by the AIGA in the United States and D&AD in the UK, and have featured in numerous international magazines and newspapers including the *New York Times*, *Vogue* and the *Guardian*. Her work on the Penguin Hardcover Classics series has attracted worldwide attention and harks back to the world of Victorian book bindings. She has been asked to exhibit and speak about her work in the UK, Sweden, Germany, Portugal, and the US.

Having read the book and all of the less than five star reviews I have to say that those three people (at the time of writing) are wrong. The book is beautifully printed (sure I would have preferred engraved plates and letter press printing for the text, but that would elevate the book into an art piece and the costs and rarity would both go up. However this book is about as close an approximation of that as is possible. The story was simplistic, but it is a children’s book, and they

tend towards simplistic. For an alternative have a look at Harold and the purple crayon. Another simple story, beautifully illustrated, but suitable for children and delightful enough for adults. The illustrations are charming with lots of beautiful elements. The text is simple, but works well. It is a wonderful book, which won't take hours to read to children but is beautifully presented. This is the sort of book that could well encourage children to start reading for themselves.

This book is lovely, from its wonderful cover to the interesting illustrations to the charming story, I loved everything about it. Hope there are more books and storylines like this, particularly with foxes :0

The Fox and the Star by Bickford-Smith is a wonderful story with a wonderful message designed to soothe our fears of losing a loved one and being alone. The illustrations are delightful in both color and detail. Definitely a book I will purchase for friends and family going forward in such cases.

Beautiful book, great story. Such a tactile and visual treat!

Such a delightful book with exquisite drawings!

My two-year old son loves this. My wife loves it. I love it.

I liked the texture of the book cover. The illustrations are great. Good message for kids of all ages.

I agree basically with all the 5 star reviews. It is gorgeous. I like that the story line may be interpreted variably---allows one to relate to it personally---at least I had that feeling while reading the book.

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