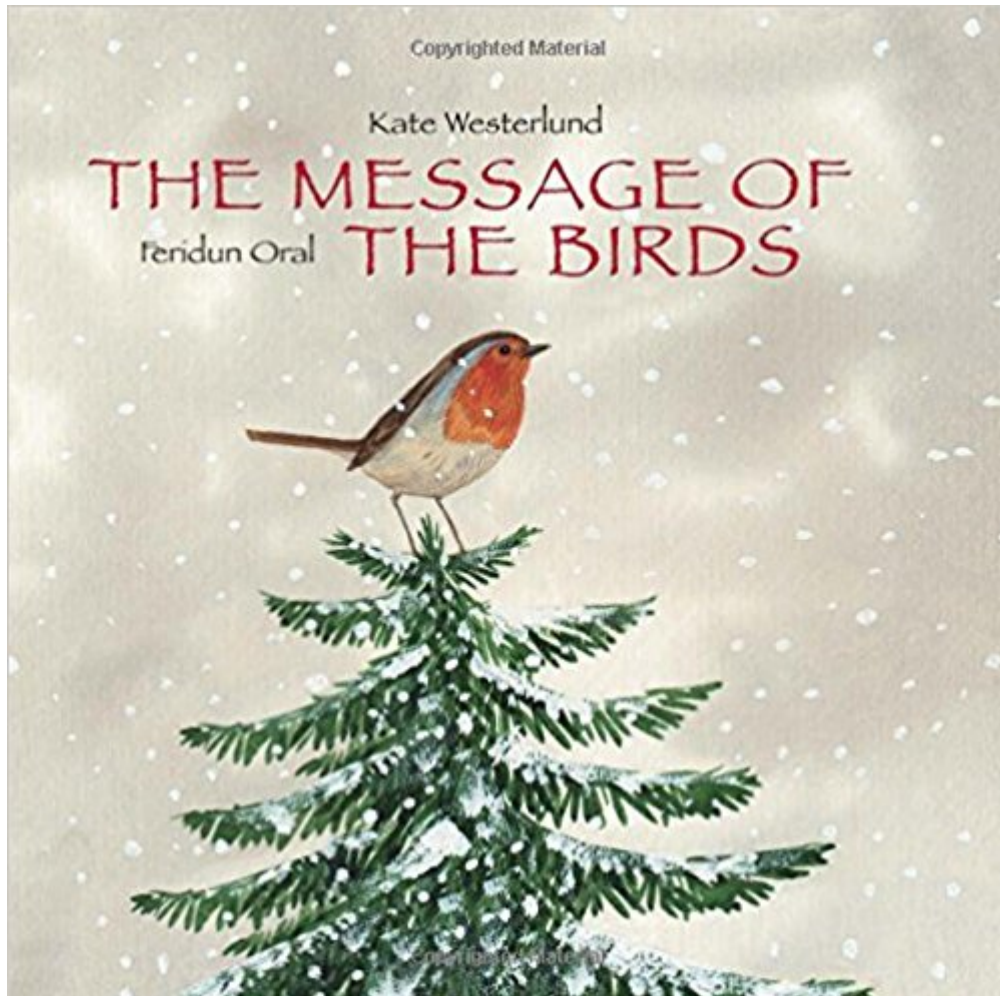




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The Message Of The Birds



Synopsis

This appealing Christmas story with a poignant message for young and old alike will gently prompt discussion on important issues. An old owl tells the Christmas story to the community of birds as he has done so many times before, but when he tells of the special message from the Baby Jesus, a little bird questions why they no longer sing the message. "People no longer listen," is the sad realization. The birds decide to share the message once more, but this time to the children of the world. And what unfolds is surely a Christmas wonder.

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Customer Reviews

"The tale itself involves the birds of the world and a song they learned long ago that they want to sing to every child that they find. The real lure is the art, however. Particularly the various birds, most that you won't find in North America." —Elizabeth Bird, A Fuse #8 Production, School Library Journal
"Told through simple, lyrical words, the story of how the birds fly off to spread a song of peace by singing to children is a touching and profound interpretation of the role of the Christ Child and the meaning of his birth....A lovely, quiet book with something powerful to say." —Kirkus Reviews

Kate Westerlund is the author of *A Cup for Everyone* and *Sharing Christmas*. She has

taught music and English, sung in musicals and operas, and helped run a summer opera program. Feridun Oral is a children's book illustrator whose work has been published throughout the world. He has participated in many national and international exhibitions and is the recipient of many awards, including an award from UNESCO in Japan.

This is a very beautifully illustrated book that tell of the first Christmas. Owl tells the story of how the birds listened to the baby and what they heard was a special song of blessing of joy and good will and how the birds sing the song. The birds ask Owl why people don't hear the songs anymore but the birds decide to sing again. Read to see what happens!

I loved the simple elegance of this book. It's not a traditional Christmas story but it has the Christmas message. It can be read all year long.

What beautiful pictures and message.If only the world would LISTEN! Maybe the next generation will do better than this one.

My 20 month old Grandson loves the pictures in the book. He is not ready for all of the words yet but will pick the book from a pile of his books and carefully turn the pages. The sky with the moon and star which are partly hidden by the jacket are real favorites for him. Since his Mother is Russian speaking the inclusion of peace in multiple languages is a real plus. My son and his wife are missionaries so the theme of the book is great for their son. The book was a Christmas present so we've only been reading it 3 weeks but I'm sure it will continue to be a favorite.

My Daughter In Law was creating an advent reading for their two year old and asked me to choose some books. They loved the message and the beauty of this story and my grandson enjoyed it because it was unique!

Bought this book for two little neighbor kids.. they.. and their parents.. love it. Its a short story with a powerful message.

Loved this little book. Beautiful pictures. Great story. My granddaughter can read this book to me. A great book to have.

Beautiful book! Love the message....one of my new favorite Christmas books. I highly recommend this book for any young person or family who wants to keep the real message of Christmas alive in their hearts and home.

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