



WHAT CRITICS SAY ABOUT THE ADVENTURES OF MELON AND TURNIP

*\*\*\*\*\*It is almost impossible to say enough good things about this book! It is so colorful, and its characters are so charmingly personified, that any child would grab it off the shelf on eye appeal alone. Anyone will ride joyously along with these two friends, engrossed in their adventure. Vibrant illustrations bring the imaginative story so vividly to life. And just when you think this delightful story is over, the author and the illustrator give us even more to think about. Four valuable extra pages show readers the process of creating the book while encouraging budding young authors and artists. Even though I'm familiar with Trisha Howell's talents, I was still blown away by this offering. She and Paul Lopez have outdone themselves! I highly recommend The Adventures of Melon and Turnip for children everywhere.\*\*\*\*\** —**Ruth Wilson, Huntress Reviews**

*As a parent, I hope this book becomes mandatory in every classroom relevant to the age group that it serves. We often hear the expression, "children can be so cruel," and is there really a tougher life than the earliest years at school, where children haven't yet mastered the generosity of spirit or the subtlety of life? If only for a moment, this thought-provoking and moral story may just spark a sense of humanity in a child that discriminates. So as a parent, I cannot do anything else other than give this book my full approval and recommendation, not just for its moral and responsibility values, but also because it engaged my own children long past the final page. This is definitely a book that will easily fit into any child's favorite collection!*—**Elizabeth Batt, Elizabeth Batt Book Reviews**

*The Adventures of Melon and Turnip has wonderful text, beautiful rich colors, and delightful characters full of spunk. Howell's book is fun and has a positive message—what more could a parent and educator ask for?*—**Jennifer LB Leese, It's Only Ink! Children's Book Review Newsletter**

*The Adventures of Melon and Turnip is a delectable story about friendship, acceptance and respect. Included are enjoyable imagery, whimsical poetry and bright distinct colors keeping the reader (even an adult one) entertained! Ms. Howell bestows a superb treat on the reader. She includes in her book a basic "how to" about writing and illustrating a children's book, enticing children to try their own hand at creativity. This is the second children's book I have reviewed for this author and her sheer exuberance captivates me. She once again delivers fun and enchanting characters experiencing highly educational lessons about life.*—**Sherry Russell, Midwest Book Review**

*From listening to a snake explain how carnivorous animals must eat other animals as a way of life, to witnessing the industrious food hoarding of a squirrel preparing for winter, to learning the importance of respecting their friends' feelings, and much more, The Adventures of Melon and Turnip is an educational delight with a positive, character-building message.*—**Children's Bookwatch**