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Review of *Hi, Koo! A Year of Seasons* by Jon J. Muth

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Hi, Koo! A Year of Seasons
Muth, Jon J.
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Following a lovable panda bear through the seasons, this book of traditional Japanese haiku is a delightful work for both children and adults alike. From autumn to summer, the poetic lyrics and delicate painted illustrations tell a unique, simple story: that of the changing seasons through the eyes of children. Though the storyline might be a bit difficult for kids to follow due to its abstract language, the illustrations make up for this. Though it does not follow the familiar Western pattern of a haiku (5-7-5), the text is still intriguing and beautiful, making it a perfect story to read aloud. Recommended.

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