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Review of *Opposites: Owl Bat Bat Owl* by Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick

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Owl Bat, Bat Owl
Fitzpatrick, Marie-Louise
Somerville: Candlewick Press, 2016
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This book was unique because there were no words-only pictures. The first page shows three baby birds and one presumably mama bird sleeping on a branch. Then, three little bats and one big bat join this branch by sleeping upside down. The mama bird tries to keep her baby from interacting with the bats. A strong wind knocks everyone down and the mama bird and big bat help get everyone back on the tree branch. In the end, everyone is shown together with the addition of two spiders. One theme from this story is the idea that everyone can be friends and there's no need for segregation. We can rely on each other for help. A teacher can use this book to explain the pictures to children and teach them to get along with one another. The illustrations are cute and make bats look less scary. The book has some useful themes if explained to children.

Recommended. *Lydia Jacobsen, Centennial Library Intern, Cedarville University*