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Review of *Red & Lulu* by Matt Tavares

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Book Review

Red & Lulu
Tavares, Matt
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This story of two birds and a tree is rather special. The book starts out with two normal birds, who live in a normal evergreen tree. One day, their world is changed when the tree is cut down and taken to New York City to be the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree. However, Red was left behind! Matt Tavares does an excellent job of drawing in his audience and making them want to follow along to make sure that Red makes it back to Lulu and their tree. The story arc is adorable, and the illustrations are festively endearing. Tavares includes a nice factual section at the end about the Rockefeller Center Christmas Trees, and the reader will leave having read a wonderful story and knowing a little bit more about one of America's best Christmas traditions. Teachers and librarians alike will find this book to be a nice holiday read for younger audiences.

RECOMMENDED

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