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Review of *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend* by Dan Santat

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This story begins with Beekle, an imaginary friend, waiting to be chosen by a real child. As his fellow imaginary friends leave, he thinks that he will never be chosen. Although the magical island is fun, he wants to find his true match, so one day, he decides to leave and search for himself. What he finds is everything that he imagined. Dan Santat focuses on the theme of friendship and the universal fear of loneliness. This theme provides assurance that no one is alone. The illustrations are imaginative and emotive; they are an essential part of the story in portraying the despair of loneliness and the joy of friendship. This book is great for parents and teachers to read to elementary school age children, especially if they have difficulty making friends. All of the elements of the text and the illustrations flow together for a coherent, emotive story that stirs the imagination and teaches a lesson.

Highly Recommended

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