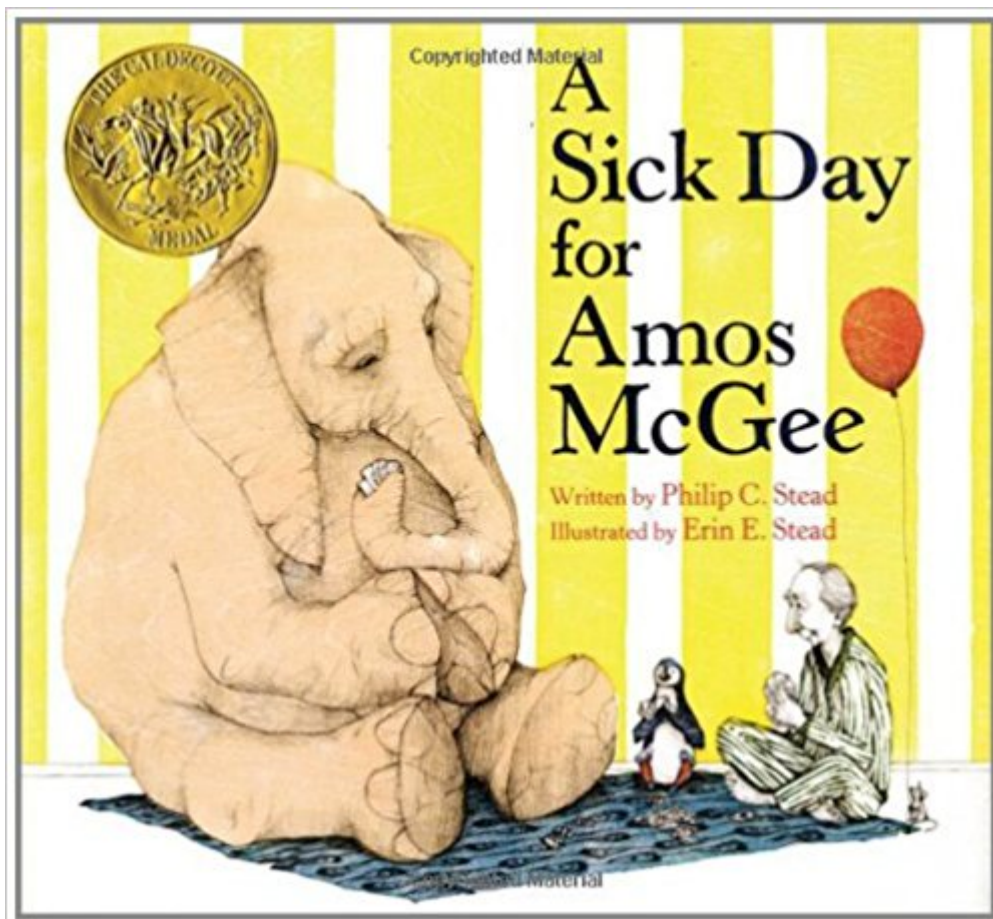


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# A Sick Day For Amos McGee



## Synopsis

The Best Sick Day Ever and the animals in the zoo feature in this striking picture book debut. Amos McGee's friends come in all sorts of shapes and sizes. In Amos McGee's case, all sorts of species, too! Every day he spends a little bit of time with each of his friends at the zoo, running races with the tortoise, keeping the shy penguin company, and even reading bedtime stories to the owl. But when Amos is too sick to make it to the zoo, his animal friends decide it's time they returned the favor.

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## Customer Reviews

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Kindergarten-Grade 2 • Amos McGee, an elderly man who works at the zoo, finds time each day for five special friends. With empathy and understanding he gives the elephant, tortoise, penguin, rhinoceros, and owl the attention they need. One morning, Amos wakes up with a bad cold and stays home in bed. His friends wait patiently and then leave the zoo to visit him. Their trip mirrors his daily bus ride to the zoo and spans three nearly wordless spreads. Amos, sitting up in bed, clasps his hands in delight when his friends arrive. The elephant plays chess with him, and the tortoise plays hide-and-seek. The penguin keeps Amos's feet warm, while the rhinoceros offers a handkerchief when Amos sneezes. They all share a pot of tea. Then the owl, knowing that Amos is afraid of the dark, reads a bedtime story as the other animals listen. They all sleep in Amos's room the rest of the night. The artwork in this quiet tale of good deeds rewarded uses woodblock-printing techniques, soft flat colors, and occasional bits of red. Illustrations are positioned on the white space to move the tale along and underscore the bonds of friendship and loyalty. Whether read individually or shared, this gentle story will resonate with youngsters. • Mary Jean Smith, Southside Elementary School, Lebanon, TN (c) Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

This is truly one of the most beautifully written children's books and I highly and fully recommend it. My two-year old grandson loves this book and there is such a loveliness and a gentleness to it that makes it appealing for adults as well. Amos tends to the animals every single day, following the same routine, day after day, until one day, he does not show up for work because he is not feeling well. The animals take the same bus Amos takes to get to the zoo and they show up at Amos's house because they miss him. The illustrations reinforce the gentleness and loving nature of the story. This is a book that is meant to be kept on a book shelf for children of all ages - and maybe for adults of all ages as well. Please do not hesitate to add this beautiful book to any child's collection.

This might be the most adorable children's book ever written. There aren't a ton of words to it, so you can make it a fast story if you want to get your kid the heck to sleep. Or you can make up a lot of your own story to the pictures as you go along if you want to inspire that youngster's imagination. A definite must-have for the book shelf (or the floor... or the sink... it all depends on the toddler's mood)!

This book is adorable! The illustrations are nicely done - not too much color that will overstimulate a

child. The story is very sweet. My daughter likes looking for the red balloon on each page. It teaches children about kindness, caring and selflessness.

A Sick Day for Amos McGee is a very sweet book about a friendship between a zookeeper named Amos and the animals he cares for. When Amos gets sick, his friends elephant, tortoise, penguin, rhinoceros and owl come to his house to comfort and care for him. Erin McGee's lovely, layered illustrations convincingly depict the friendship between Amos and the zoo animals. I enjoyed reading this book and look forward to sharing it with my children. As a child, I would have loved imagining befriending the animals in this story. As a parent, I hope my children are surrounded by such thoughtful friends.[...]

I adore this book, probably even more than my 2 1/2 year old (who also loves it). The story is charming, the pictures are beautifully done, and it carries a nice message about friendship.

I bought this for my granddaughter that is due this week & I read it myself & loved it ! I'll have to wait a bit to read it to her but I'm starting a library already & thus book is a winner !

The book A Sick Day for Amos McGee written by Philip C. Stead and Illustrated by Erin C. Stead is a delightful picture book worth sharing. The details in the illustrations are so sweet and perfect, it is no wonder this book was a Caldecott Medal winner. The story is about a city zookeeper, Amos McGee, who wakes early every morning to make the bus at strictly 6 a.m. to go to work. Because it is inferred that Amos McGee does not have a wife at home, he spends his days at the zoo visiting his "friends", which happen to be all the animals. He consoles, entertains, and play with his friends at the zoo everyday until one day he becomes ill and cannot make it out of bed. That day then actually becomes a very special day for Amos McGee and his friends. As a teacher, I can see myself using this book as an example when doing a lesson on personification. The pictures, along with the actual text, tell a story in which animals are given human-like qualities and they interact with Amos as if they are human friends to him. The relationships are no doubt questionable. The animals at the zoo are his friends which makes this book a wonderful example of a tale of friendship, but the fantasy and personification will entertain students of all ages. I would be able to use this book at any grade, 1st-5th. The illustrations are very calming and would help younger students to follow along with the story. Also, this book could be used to teach younger children different types of animals such as elephants, tortoise, penguins, rhinoceros, and owls. Students could compare the traits of

each animal to how they would be in the wild.

The art work in this book is worth it, aside from the great story. We read it almost every night. I will continue to look for more books with the same illustrator; some of the best art work I've ever seen.

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