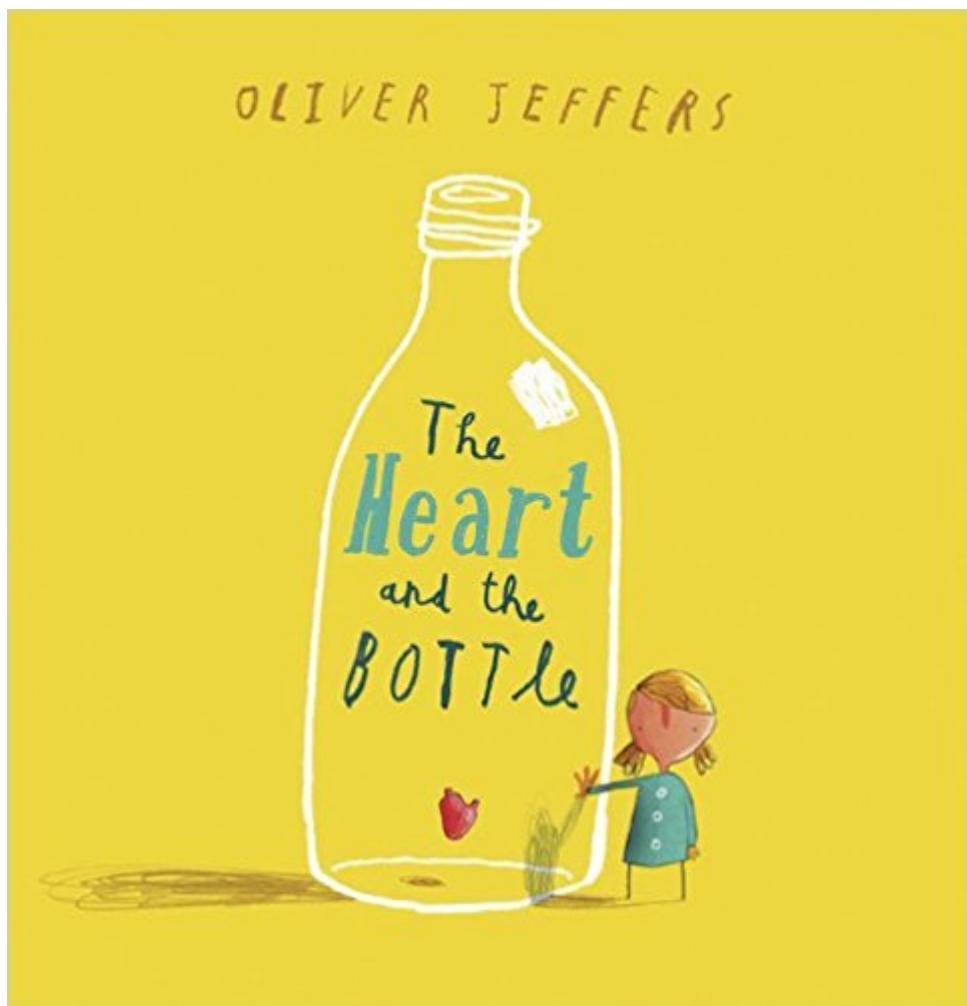


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The Heart And The Bottle



Synopsis

There is a wonder and magic to childhood. We don't realize it at the time, of course . . . yet the adults in our lives do. They encourage us to see things in the stars, to find joy in colors and laughter as we play. But what happens when that special someone who encourages such wonder and magic is no longer around? We can hide, we can place our heart in a bottle and grow up . . . or we can find another special someone who understands the magic. And we can encourage them to see things in the stars, find joy among colors and laughter as they play. Oliver Jeffers delivers a remarkable book, a tale of poignancy and resonance reminiscent of *The Giving Tree* that will speak to the hearts of children and parents alike. [Watch a Video](#)

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Customer Reviews

A little girl delights in the boundless discoveries of the world around her with an older gentleman, likely her grandfather. But then the man's chair is empty, and the girl puts her heart in a bottle to help with the hurt. As she grows older, she loses her sense of wonderment, and it isn't until she meets another young girl that she finds a way to free her heart again. This book showcases some absolutely captivating artwork. The way in which Jeffers employs pictures in word balloons to convey the limberness of imagination is brilliant: the man points to the sky to talk

about constellations, while the girl sees stars as inflamed bumblebees. But what begins promisingly runs into trouble, and it's not clear who the message is directed toward: children just opening their eyes to the world, or parents who have lost their sense of curiosity? Even if children don't glean much from the abstractions and subtleties of the narrative, they're nevertheless in for a treat with the unforgettable visuals of imagination at play. Preschool-Grade 1.
--Ian Chipman

"Heartbreaking, witty and filled with hope." --Kirkus

BEST for adults who are grieving... Such a beautiful book about not putting our feelings in a bottle for fear of being hurt again. I work with people in grief of all ages. Many of the younger children (under 6th grade) that I read it to did not understand the metaphor used throughout the book and most did not understand it that the chair is empty because the person who sat there died. But the adults.... they understand it and it helps them to normalize their grief experience and begin to figure out why they are not healing. We cannot protect our hearts from grief and grow through it... this book is wonderful but I would not call it a children's book. Believe me, if you are an adult in grief right now... read this CHILDREN'S book! If you work with people who grieve, you will want this book to share with them. I LOVE, LOVE, LOVE this book so much!

I bought this book as an adult for an adult friend who recently lost a parent unexpectedly. It was so appropriate to that situation and her 1-year-old son loves it too. It can be used for teaching important truths about life--such as loss and recovery--but also can be a sweet story for those young ones who are not yet privy to the more painful losses in life yet. It's really not a sad book, the way this review might make it seem, but is hopeful and encouraging and can be applied to multiple situations. The illustrations are adorable and the consensus from the three of us, old and young, is that we love this book.

Nice book. I read it to my 4 year old but she cannot seem to grasp the concept yet on why the dad(?) or the grandpa (?) went away. Also she keeps on asking me where the mommy is. But its a good read. She has asked me to read this about 3 or 5 times already.

This little, poignant children's book help me through my intense grief after my wife of 40 years died in January. I still grieve but I choose not to put my heart in a bottle. I heartily recommend this book

and have bought some as gifts for others in the throes grief. Indispensable for helping the grandchildren come to grips with what is hard for them to understand.

Good for children who have experienced loss. Acknowledges serious life stuff but reminds us that wonder and amazement are never far if we see with the vision of a child.

One of the best books for anyone who deals with depression and anxiety or who tries to treat loneliness with isolation when they lose a loved one.

It broke my heart to read this. And healed my heart. I gave the book to my local library.

Beautifully simple yet full of complex truth about living and loss and living again. This book would make a great gift for someone who has experienced loss or for someone who has helped you retrieve your heart from its place of safe keeping after your own personal loss.

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