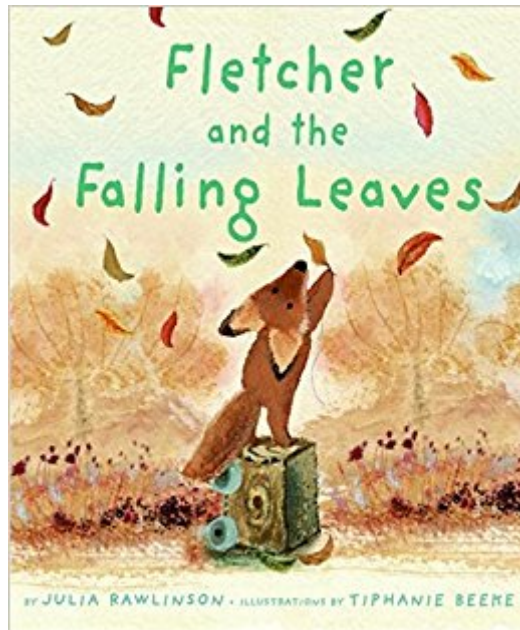




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Fletcher And The Falling Leaves



Synopsis

As the leaves fall from his favorite tree, Fletcher worries that something is terribly wrong. But then winter comes, and with it a wonderful surprise. Do you know what it is? Join Fletcher and find out. . .

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Customer Reviews

Starred Review. PreSchool-Grade 3 "This potent synthesis of art and prose conveys a child's first awareness of the changing seasons with reverence and wonder. Fletcher, a tiny fox, is concerned when his favorite tree turns brown. His mother tells him, Don't worry, it's only autumn, but the tree hardly seems fine to Fletcher. As its leaves fall and flutter away, the youngster struggles in vain to catch and reattach them. When only one leaf remains, he does his level best to secure it to the limb, but eventually the stem dries up and the leaf pops off. Mournful and confused, he carries it home and takes it to bed with him. Still worried about his tree, he wakes up the next morning to find that it has undergone a sweet and satisfying transformation. Beeke's resplendent watercolors work beautifully with the book's tone, content, layout, and design. Picture books about nature sometimes suffer from cloying, excessively pastoral language or imagery; this rare example succumbs to neither. A first purchase for every collection." Catherine Threadgill, Charleston County Public

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PreS-Gr. 2. When the leaves on his favorite tree turn brown and begin to drop, Fletcher, a young fox, worries that the tree is sick. Although he tries his best to help the tree, the last leaf finally falls. The next day when Fletcher visits the tree, he sees a magical sight that convinces him that falling leaves don't signify the tree's demise. Rawlinson's carefully worded text is superbly matched by Beeke's impressionistic watercolors. Fletcher's character is clearly evident in his distinct facial features and body language, and the magical change of the season is accentuated as the scenery goes from soft, hazy earth tones to cool white and blue-green. For the scene in which Fletcher beholds the "magical sight" of the tree covered with ice, sparkle has been glued to the pages; the effect will make children gasp with delight. Given such a strong debut, the unforgettable Fletcher is primed for more picture books as he discovers the ways of the world. Randall Enos Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Oh how we love Fletcher! This sweet little fox has the sweetest heart and is always so concerned with nature. Here he is worried about the leaves that are falling from the trees as the seasons are changing. He doesn't want them to be lonely, you see and he thinks they will get lost and feel alone. So he does all he can to help the leaves stay on the trees until he finally understands that each season has a purpose and nature has a way of knowing what it is doing. What he sees when all of the trees finally all fall will amaze you. We read these book over and over and it is always a favorite in our home!

Great Autumn book for children. The little fox, Fletcher, is sweetly naive of the changing seasons. He grows upset as his favorite tree under goes a transformation. The art work is mellow and soothing and the story is short but is a great way introduce the changing of the season. The best page is the frost scene which literally glitters.

Love the Fletcher series, and this is one of our favorites of the bunch. Fletcher is the perfect embodiment of any sensitive, curious child.

Such a sweet autumn book. We love it! My daughter even painted a beautiful picture of Fletcher

We own lots of children's books, which we have gotten for our 1 year old. Every now and then we come across a book that has a truly unique storyline. This is one of those books. The story is of a little fox who is trying to help his favorite tree who is losing its leaves (in reality it's autumn, a concept the little fox doesn't quite understand). The little fox has the same spirit of a little kid in this heartwarming tale. The book has a feel good ending which is absolutely magical. Definitely a must read.

This is a beautiful book. Fletcher is a young fox that has noticed the forest is changing as the summer comes to an end. He has a favorite tree. When he sees the way the leaves are changing he thinks that the tree is sick. He does everything he can think of to help the tree keep its leaves. Of course in the end he can't save the leaves and he goes home very sad with the last leaf that was on the tree. The next day he wakes up and goes to his tree and is mesmerized by the sight of the tree. It's beautiful it's covered in icicles and shining in the morning sunlight. He asks the tree if it is okay and the tree in a sense answers him. The wind blows and the tree shakes and the icicles tingle. To Fletcher it sounds like the tree is laughing and he takes this to mean that the tree is alright. The illustrations are wonderful and the last one of the tree with the icicles is fabulous it is done with a type of glitter. Very pretty effect. I very much recommend this book

My toddler son adores this lovely book about a sensitive and caring little fox, and so do my husband and I. It's a nicely told tale of friendship, loyalty, and the changing seasons. Because others have already written about the plot in detail, I'd like to add something different. I found this book on because our family loves the children's illustrator, Tiphonie Beeke. She depicts animals in a very warm and appealing way, and we now own several other children's books that she illustrated and I highly recommend: *The Noisy Way to Bed* (we usually give this as a gift to new parents--everyone has LOVED it so far and they've also started collecting more books by the illustrator); *Wish, Change, Friend* (very sweet); *Roar Like a Lion* (more for babies than for older children); *Mommy Loves Her Baby/Daddy Loves His Baby--A Flip Book* (for both parents to take turns reading to their child); *Book! Book! Book!*; *Only My Mom and Me*; and *Only My Dad and Me*. If you enjoy the illustrations in *Fletcher and the Falling Leaves*, it's well worth checking out some of the aforementioned books, all on . *Fletcher and Wish, Change, Friend* are the most sentimental and sweet stories on that list, and therefore, they're our favorites.

Beautiful story of friendship. The watercolors are magical and the surprise at the end is a delight. A

wonderful book about Autumn full of imagery and descriptive words.

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