



Miranda - The Hungry - Panda\*

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In her book Miranda -The Hungry- Panda, Dagmara Schulte presents the importance of friendship, solidarity, teamwork in the face of difficulties. The power of love, compassion, and friendship knows no bounds. The book tells the story of a young, cute panda whose stomach constantly grumbles in the depths of a bamboo forest. The story about the panda and his friends begins one morning when the panda realizes that there are no bamboo stalks left.

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The panda, who sets out to find bamboo, encounters his owl friend on the road. The owl tells the panda not to worry. He offers to find his friends. His friends, the squirrel and the koala, will find a way anyway. The owl is right. When they go to the squirrel, they find it eating nuts. The squirrel says that it came across bamboo at the edge of the sparkling stream the day before and that they can find bamboo there. They are very happy and accept this offer. When they go to the koala, they find it taking a nap in the eucalyptus tree. They take the koala with them and set off to find bamboo.

The book about the friendship of the panda, the owl, the squirrel, and the koala; It also helps us remember nature in its entirety by referring to the plants that are the symbols of the animals in question. While pandas feeding on bamboo, cute squirrels gnawing on hazelnuts, and the magnificent harmony of koalas with eucalyptus trees are educational for children, they are also interesting for adults. The book is supported by drawings and visuals that are integral to the story. The pictures, drawn in soft tones and reflecting the cuteness and sweetness of animals, support the development of children's perception and sensitivity to colors. The depth and magic of the forest depicted in the text also create a fascinating effect in the pictures. The whisper of the willows, the sparkle of the stream, and the greenery of the bamboos are depictions that draw us to nature and create a sense of being in nature. There are depictions that represent the forest with its beautiful aspects, as well as expressions that show its difficult aspects. Like our heroes in the story encountering a tiger while searching for bamboo in the forest. This situation brought them together and made them cooperate to overcome this situation. The message given in the story at this point may be to emphasize the importance of teamwork and work to children.

The author, who also has various children's books, Miranda -The Hungry- Panda shows how the friendships of the hero panda, one of the animals living in the forest, with his friends owl, squirrel and koala are strengthened. The story emphasizes the importance of helpfulness among friends, supporting each other in difficult times, fighting, and sacrifices made for friends. The cute panda, the hero of the story who was very hungry, was able to fill his stomach thanks to his friends. The message of the story is how important it is to have feelings of love and compassion to make someone happy.