

# Book Reviews



## SOLOMON RAVEN SERIES

### Series Review

"The **Solomon Raven Series** is a fun way to learn the lessons of life, and the engaging artwork gives the animals personalities of their own."

*Jean Peerenboom, Green Bay Press-Gazette*

### Series Review

...The text flows with ease and a charming simplicity, and the subtle illustrations will surely be enjoyed by readers. The book has a glossary of English and Spanish words. The bilingual format makes it a suitable addition to any collection."

*Criticas*

### Series Review

"Robb Mommaerts' wonderful artwork in the **Solomon Raven Series** is very friendly and inviting; he has captured childlike fun with his unique and refreshing style."

*Aaron Moriarity, Illustrator of Poppel and Poppel's Place (Poppel Press)*

### Series Review

"Young children will easily learn about nature and animal habitats when you read to them the beautifully written books in Amy Crane Johnson's **Solomon Raven Series**. Robb Mommaerts' illustrations are as velvety warm as Pearl Squirrel's nest. These are books to be enjoyed with your child."

*Shirley VerBruggen, Community Relations Manager, Barnes & Noble, Green Bay, WI*

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### Lewis Cardinal's First Winter

"Young Lewis Cardinal learns about hibernation and migration as his woodland friends get ready in different ways for winter. Colorful and dramatic illustrations by Robb Mommaerts show Lewis and Solomon Raven, the wisest bird in the forest, as they watch the flurry of autumn activity. Lewis begins to understand the process of change and friendship. This story, presented in both English and Spanish, follows the first Solomon Raven story, *A Home for Pearl Squirrel / Una casa para la ardilla Perla*, and both are highly recommended."

Lane Education Service District, Eugene, Oregon

"... Winter won't seem so bad after all! Another story about the forest animals that does a really nice job of introducing what animals do in the winter. Written in both English and Spanish, the text is simple, but the illustrations are gorgeous."

Fort Worth I.S.D. Book Reviews

### Cinnamon & the April Shower

"*Cinnamon & the April Shower / Canela y el aguacero de abril* is a bilingual (English/Spanish) picture book entertainingly written by Amy Crane Johnson, superbly illustrated by Robb Mommaerts, and translated by Eida de la Vega... Children ages 4 to 8 will be informed even as they are being entertained with this carefully crafted book that is a 'must' for school and community bilingual picture book library collections."

Midwest Book Review

"This Spanish/English picture book [*Cinnamon & the April Shower / Canela y el aguacero de abril*] will help bring Spanish into the classroom. The glossary at the end of the book is useful to teachers before and during readings. The illustrations bring the animal's concerns during the storm to life... I recommend the purchase of this book for libraries that are building bilingual book inventories."

Lane Education Service District, Eugene, Oregon

### A Home for Pearl Squirrel

"Children and adults alike will enjoy the high quality, colorful illustrations. This book is recommended for parents and librarians wanting to teach children a second language (either English or Spanish)."

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"... A simple lesson on diversity maybe? The illustrations are gorgeous. As you read, you feel that these illustrations could easily become a cartoon. Rich and beautiful they tell the story right along with the text. My school has a great need for books written in both English and Spanish. We have Language Center classes and this makes it easier for them to get a good story, and then see how it translates into English. A real plus for this series of stories."

Fort Worth I.S.D. Book Reviews

All of the animals' cute personalities show through in the full-color, whimsical illustrations. The kids will be enchanted and want to see them again and again. A very entertaining habitat lesson for reading aloud at bedtime or family time."

My Shelf.com

### Mason Moves Away

"Adorable illustrations drawn by Robb Mommaerts fit well with Johnson's easy-to-read dialogue. Children any age will surely enjoy this delightful book. *Mason Moves Away / Mason se muda* is a book translated in both English and Spanish... includes a glossary to help the children who are interested in reading another language. As an accelerated reader book, *Mason Moves Away / Mason se muda* would make a wonderful addition to any school. This reviewer and her children, ages six and seven, thoroughly enjoyed reading about Mason and his helpful friends."

Jennifer LB Leese, A Story Weaver's Book Reviews

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