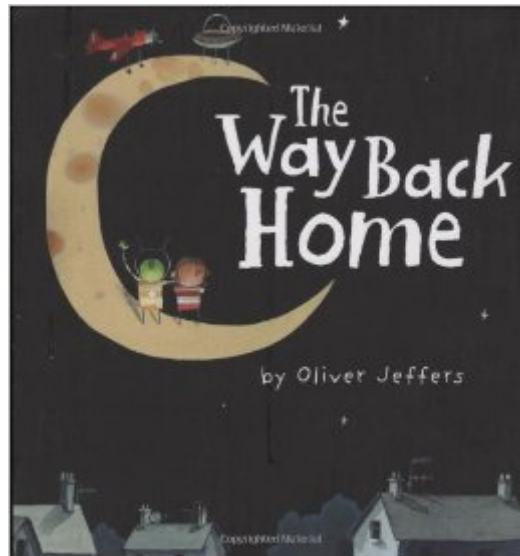


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# The Way Back Home



## Synopsis

From the illustrator of the #1 smash hit *The Day the Crayons Quit* comes an imaginative tale of friendship in a world where what makes us different isn't nearly as important as what makes us the same. When a boy discovers a single-propeller airplane in his closet, he does what any young adventurer would do: He flies it into outer space! Millions of miles from Earth, the plane begins to sputter and quake, its fuel tank on empty. The boy executes a daring landing on the moon . . . but there's no telling what kind of slimy, slithering, tentacled, fangtoothed monsters lurk in the darkness! (Plus, it's dark and lonely out there.) Coincidentally, engine trouble has stranded a young Martian on the other side of the moon, and he's just as frightened and alone. Martian, Earthling—they're all the same when you're in need of a friend.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

As a fourth grade teacher I constantly look for literature that will not only satisfy and amaze my children's reader but also the author in them. This story glorifies a child's imagination in play, he goes about his day in a matter-of-fact manner, of course he has a plane in his closet that he had forgotten about. As the story progresses there is a complete page where Jeffers offers only expressions for what child and martian are discussing and planning. This is an excellent

opportunity that my students all wanted to take in writing what was going on between the two. They created their own comic strips for these images and boy were they funny! Few picture books leave the ending open like *The Way Back Home* does. This provided my kiddos with the offering of creating a sequel to this story. As a parent, you will love this book, it is very satisfying for kids and kids at heart and the opportunities for discussion and play come naturally! I suggest all of Jeffers books and little by little we are making a classroom library of his titles, which luckily are being translated into other languages! Your child will come back to this one over and over again!

The best thing about this book and all of Oliver Jeffers' books is that they are so approachable for children (I think) of all ages, and for adults. You know how you don't get tired reading and re-reading some books for your kids - this book, (as well as all of Jeffers' books) is sublime, imaginative, funny, whimsical, philosophical and a joy to look at. Like the books that are classics, this one belongs in that category. Thank you Mr Jeffers!! I can't wait to see what you come up with next!!!

I love that it's an actual story. So many books nowadays have just a word or two on each page. This is perfect for little ones, a sentence per page on average. Very cute story. I have several from this author, and so far all are great. Oh and check out the lost and found movie or book, super cute

Such another good book by Oliver Jeffers. This little boy is lost and meets an Alien while trying to find his way back home. It is delightful book and cute pictures. They become the best of friends. Highly recommend Oliver Jeffers books. Good for your library. Just by looking at the cover, you can tell it is going to be a great book. My 7 year old grandson can read it.

This was cute, but nowhere near as good as some of the author's other books. I would just rate this one as ok, and not one that will hold our kids' attention long term through multiple readings...we like his books, generally, and it's also a plus that he is from Northern Ireland, which is where the majority of our family is from, but I would not start with this one, necessarily...

I got this book because I loved his *LOST AND FOUND*. His illustration style is very lovely for adults as well, and it is wonderful to study every detail rather than reading it and moving on to the next page. There are little delightful details in the gestures, etc. The penguin even makes a cameo appearance! I loved *LOST AND FOUND* and *HOW TO CATCH A STAR* more for the story. The boy seems less like a boy in this book, and while it was whimsically funny for him to find the plane in his

closet and put on his aviator outfit and fly, I preferred the more intimate stories of the other two books mentioned. There is more playfulness in this story, so one could say that the boy is more like a highly imaginative boy.

Definitely a good story and great illustrations, etc. However, the story is not as compelling as "Lost and Found". My son (4 /12 yo) had some trouble understanding the ending and the boy's return to the moon, etc.

Reading an Oliver Jeffers book is a treat, for both children and adults. I love them. His stories comfort me. The illustrations make me happy and mostly if any sort of art form can do that, then it is meant for you. A boy like any other boy finds an airplane and decides to fly. He flies higher and higher and higher till he is space and runs out of fuel. What happens then? He lands on the moon and it is dark and lonely on the moon and he cannot think of a way of getting back home. In all of this he meets another one who is lost on the moon just like him â€” it turns out to be a Young Martian. The Martian is apprehensive of the boy initially and so is the boy of the Martian. The story unfolds as they trust each other and eventually find a way back home. The book is a children's book â€” that's for sure, but at the same time, it is quite an insight into us when faced with a stranger. It is about our fears and how perhaps as a child it is easier to accept everyone than as an adult. â€œThe Way Back Homeâ€• is a book which will be cherished by all. It is simple and it makes you think about the world we live in which is full of racism, xenophobia, and fear. I write this review while listening to â€œImagineâ€• by John Lennon and I hope that the world is different for generations to come. For now, we will read books like these by Oliver Jeffers.

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