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Same, Same But Different

Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw

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**Synopsis**

Elliot lives in America, and Kailash lives in India. They are pen pals. By exchanging letters and pictures, they learn that they both love to climb trees, have pets, and go to school. Their worlds might look different, but they are actually similar. Same, same. But different! Through an inviting point-of-view and colorful, vivid illustrations, this story shows how two boys living oceans apart can be the best of friends.

**Book Information**

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**Customer Reviews**

I enjoyed reading and sharing this book. Not only is the language simple and straightforward, but the illustrations compliment the writing perfectly. The illustrations are bright and colorful and highlight the similarities and differences between the two boys. I’ve really come to love collage as an art form and this book demonstrates the characteristics that make collage so unique. I had a fun discussion with a group of kindergartners about the different materials used in collage. I had a fun discussion with a group of kindergartners about the different materials used in collage and how that affected the feel of the book. It was great. It was interesting to listen to the comments of the children as they looked at the pictures illustrating some of the differences between the places that Elliot and Kailash live. The elephant on the same street as cars, pedestrians and carts especially caught their
attention. This book provides a nice way to introduce to children the idea that people in other places are both the same and different as they are.

What a great way to introduce our kids to the concept of the diversity shaping our world. Very often I would tell my daughter "you know it's like in the book...it's the same but different", and she would immediately relate. Plus the illustration is wonderful and it's just a fun book to pick up over and over again from the shelf.

I had an international upbringing but haven't been able to offer my kids the same thus far. This is a wonderful intro to foreign lands and cultures. My 5 year old is intrigued. We examined the differences in family living, architecture vehicles and more. My boy loved the Indian school bus powered by a bicycle.

The theme of this book was overshadowed by a couple of other books we bought at the same time, but I believe that the message that we are all really the same even though our circumstances might look different will resonate eventually. A good message in a simple form.

Great book for children! I read it with my first grade students and they loved it. Especially great to teach similarities and differences between cultures, lifestyles, perspectives, etc. I had one student who would repeat the phrase "same, same but different" whenever we were talking about similarities and differences among our class.

This book is the second book from Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw we have at home! We received it for my birthday, around Christmas, but it is really and truly a gift for my two children and myself. They both enjoy it! So much they want to read it every evening! And that's this book amazing power. It pleases both a 8 year-old and a 4 year-old because it is a rich story with several levels but my children both agree what interest them the most is to see how children live in different places of the world, especially, I assume, because in their respective school they have friends coming from several countries! Also the three of us enjoy the originality of this correspondence : sharing with a friend abroad through drawings... a drawn correspondence feels so right to me, such a great idea! And Jenny’s artistic world totally adorns this story, the best way possible and my children enjoy this a lot, looking for every new detail at each reading! A wonderful children book, with strong values instilled with subtlety and deep human love. A book to be offered to children at home and to classes,
to open our children onto the world!

Two boys, one in the U.S. and one in India, are penpals, exchanging letters about their lives. They (and the reader) learn that despite living in two different places, their lives are similar in many respects. The colorful multi-media illustrations are superb and really add to the story. Parents and teachers might remember being penpals with a child living in a different country but students today have instant access through social media, so pre-teaching about the long-lost art of letter writing would be helpful. A great story to begin a unit on global awareness for the elementary-age set. Pair with "Off to Class: Incredible and Unusual Schools Around the World by Susan Hughes.

Darling illustrations. This author is one talented cookie! My kids go to a school with about 40 different cultures represented, so this book is useful. Would make a great gift for a friend moving abroad.

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