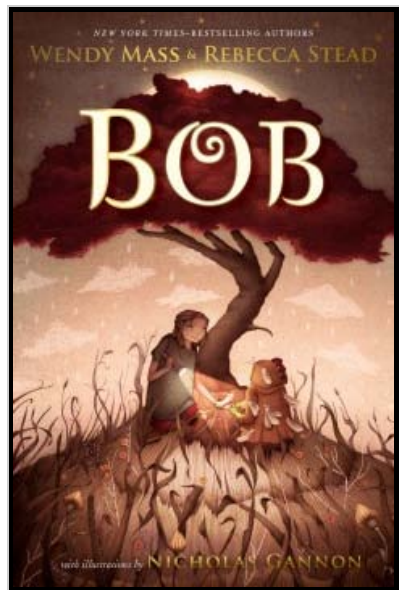


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Bob

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From the Publisher: It's been five years since Livy and her family have visited Livy's grandmother in Australia. Now that she's back, Livy has the feeling she's forgotten something really, really important about Gran's house. It turns out she's right. Bob, a short, greenish creature dressed in a chicken suit, didn't forget Livy, or her promise. He's been waiting five years for her to come back, hiding in a closet like she told him to. He can't remember who -- or what -- he is, where he came from, or if he even has a family. But five years ago Livy promised she would help him find his way back home. Now it's time to keep that promise. Clue by clue, Livy and Bob will unravel the mystery of where Bob comes from, and discover the kind of magic that lasts forever. Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead, two masterminds of classic, middle-grade fiction come together to craft this magical story about the enduring power of friendship.

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


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What We Say

With a well-earned nod to Edward Eager's "Half Magic" and other gentle tales of fantasy, acclaimed authors Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead team up for this middle-grade story. Eleven year old Livy was just a kid (only five years old!) the last time she traveled from the US to visit her grandmother in Australia. So it's no surprise she doesn't remember much of anything about the farm her Gran lives on or the girl Livy befriended at the local restaurant or the green zombie that has been waiting patiently in her guest room closet all this time because Livy said she'd be right back. Wait. What?!!! Actually, this friendly -- if understandably miffed -- creature isn't a zombie, though neither Bob (that's his name) or Livy is exactly sure

what he might be. They piece the puzzle together thanks to clues like a chipped pawn on a chess board, an abandoned well, a big book of fairy tales and a missing boy. The timeless banter of Livy and Bob might have been written one hundred years ago and is surely this modest novel's strength. It's not distinctive or fresh enough to be judged a classic, but "Bob" is appealingly low-key and the charming illustrations of Nicholas Gannon are a definite plus. -- Michael Giltz

What Others Say

"Authors Mass and Stead team up for this irresistible tale of magic, mystery, and friendship that poses timeless questions about identity and belonging...a tribute to the power of storytelling.."--Publishers Weekly, starred review "Five years ago, Livy left her friend Bob, who she describes as a zombielike creature, in the closet of her grandmother's house in Australia without saying goodbye. Bob has loyally awaited Livy's return, dressed in the chicken suit she made to disguise him, and hopeful about the promise she made to help him find his way home, wherever that may be. ... A perfectly paced plot, supported by secondary characters to whom readers will relate and luminous artwork by Gannon, fill out a story that readers will eagerly embrace. A must-have ... this novel delights."--School Library Journal, starred review

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