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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Grade 2-4—Martin Bridge usually has a scheme or project under way. In the three school and home stories presented in this beginning chapter book, he sees how a happy surprise intended for one person makes a positive difference for another, figures out what to say to a little girl whose hamster has died, and suffers the consequences of jealousy. Through it all, his parents provide thoughtful guidance. The everyday worlds of school, home, and clubs offer Martin Bridge several opportunities for growth, and his responses are on target for a third grader. Kerrin relates the episodes in a straightforward way that incorporates rich language.

Kelly's full-page illustrations and spot art follow the narrative closely enough to support the newly independent readers for whom this book is written.—*Pat Leach, Lincoln City Libraries, NE*

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Gr. 2-4. Unlike most books for the age group, this has three long chapters rather than a series of short ones. The first episode concerns Martin's cranky school-bus driver. In the second, the hamster he is feeding for a younger child has died, and he is appalled when her parents want the pet replaced before she comes home. The third tells of his giving a friend an idea for decorating his rocket ship, only to find that he can't think of a good idea for his own. Though the last story's resolution seems a bit contrived, Kerrin does quite a good job of showing the shades and intensity of Martin's feelings throughout the book. Kelly's expressive pencil-and-charcoal, digitally shaded drawings give the stories a nice, quirky lift while staying true to the tone of the writing. With a small format, large print, and an appealing cover illustration, this book will find a ready audience. *Carolyn Phelan*

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Review

A pitch perfect chapter book that confronts its hero with three very real-world ethical dilemmas every elementary student will recognize. *School Library Journal*

Young readers will readily identify with the likable, sympathetically drawn Martin and his crises of conscience when his well-intended actions go frustratingly awry. *Quill and Quire*

The everyday worlds of school, home, and clubs offer Martin Bridge several opportunities for growth, and his responses are on target for a third grader. *School Library Journal*

A warm, rich story for new chapter-book readers. *Horn Book, Starred Review*

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