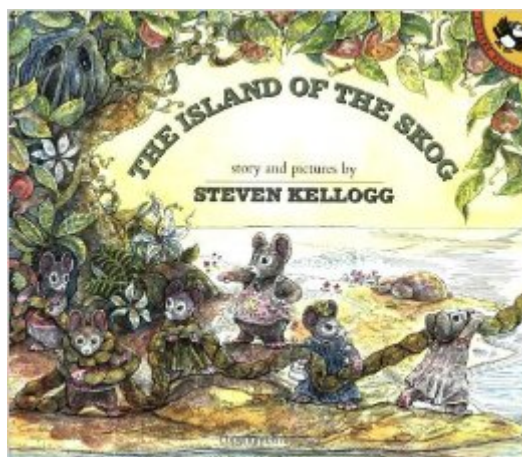


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The Island Of The Skog (Picture Puffin Books)



Synopsis

Shout it once! Shout it twice! Friends forever! Skog and mice! Since its publication in 1973, *The Island of the Skog* has been a favorite of children everywhere-and of the author himself! We're delighted to remind you of this beloved book on its thirtieth birthday. Jenny and her city-mouse friends take to the seas in search of a more peaceful place to live. But when they arrive at what first seems the island of their dreams, they have a giant problem to contend with: the island's only inhabitant, the Skog. Judging by his enormous footprints, he seems a more terrible threat than a hundred urban cats and dogs. How will the mice master their new domain? Funny, exciting and sweet, *The Island of the Skog* is a timeless tale of cooperation and compromise. It won the Michigan State Young Readers Award, and was included on Booklist's Books for Every Child and the CBC Books for Peace list.

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

Yet another beloved Steven Kellogg book from my fleeting youth. Published originally in 1973, the story tells the tale of a pack of mice that decide to leave the city life and become sea faring rodents instead. Together, the seven little creatures take a small antique ship (with working cannon) from the antique store in which they leave and set sail into the sea. When at long last they come across a

tropical isle, they are shocked to discover that the land already has an inhabitant. According to their books, this is the island of the Skog. Not entirely certain what a Skog is, they bombard the land with cannon balls. That done, they set about inhabiting the isle but are shocked to discover giant footprints. After successfully unmasking the creature, they discover that perhaps jumping to conclusions is not the best policy when meeting people different from yourself for the first time. I suppose the book is ostensibly about judging people before you get to know them. I prefer to think that this story is a cry against the whole, "Shoot first, ask questions later", method of diplomacy that a nation (who shall remain nameless) may employ from time to time. Or, more likely, I'm reading too much into an entirely pleasant picture book. This is a true Kellogg creation through and through. Filled to the brim with his tiny details and intricacies, a reader could pour over each page for a month so as to best locate all the delicate touches. As you go through the tale, each character has his or her own distinct personality. Jenny, the unofficial mouse in charge, and Bouncer the head of his bowling league are the two main characters, but they've a lively and involved supporting crew as well.

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