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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

PreS-Gr 3-Continuing their reimagining of classic tales and employing the brilliantly colored, textured illustrations that are the trademark of their retellings, the Emberleys now focus their attention on a fable from Aesop and turn it into a paean to the music of New Orleans. The story of the industrious ant takes on a new twist when she stumbles upon "a grasshopper and his buggy band making music with complete abandon." The book is chock-full of visual interest and superb vocabulary words ("persevered," "blistering," "hoisting," and more), and the ant discovers that music can make any burden lighter. Inviting the jazzy bug band back to her underground colony, the group moves on to "Laissez les bon temps rouler!" with the foldout translating for children, "Let the good times roll!" While this does not have the hilarity found in *Chicken Little* (Roaring Brook, 2009), it still makes a splendid read-aloud for a wide variety of age levels, encouraging examination of the energetic illustrations and discussion of the role that music plays in our lives.-Sharon Grover, Hedberg Public Library, Janesville, WIα(c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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The Emberleys cast their quirky brand of picture-book magic on another classic, celebrating not only the rewards of hard work but also the intrinsic value of music and the arts. As an ant struggles to carry a wedge of watermelon back to her colony, she hears the uplifting strains of music and soldiers on, eventually discovering its source—a jazzy bug band led by a grasshopper on guitar. The “joyful noise” buoys the ant, body and soul, so the combo accompanies her on the arduous trek, performing the whole way and, in turn, being rewarded for their own hard work. Dedicated to the people of New Orleans, the book’s lighthearted text and art subtly echo the city’s rich traditions and, of course, its love of a good party. Emberley’s distinct high-voltage cut-paper illustrations in dynamic, close-up double-page spreads (and a lagniappe foldout) are tailor-made for a swinging storytime—with nary a bad seat in the house. *Laissez les bon temps rouler!* Preschool-Grade 2. --Kristen McKulski

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“While maintaining the archetypes of the hardworking ant and laid-back grasshopper, the Emberleys transform Aesop's fable about preparedness into a joyful celebration of community and music with a Cajun flair.” *Publishers Weekly, starred*

“The Emberleys offer such a joyful, imaginative interpretation of the classic that even the youngest will understand the unstated message to ‘eat, drink and be merry.’” *Kirkus, starred*

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