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Laura is often lonely but one night she sees a falling star and runs downstairs to find it lying damaged, on the pavement outside. Laura takes it to her room, mends it, and lays it tenderly on her pillow. She tells the star all her secrets but when she wakes in the morning, the star is gone.

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Lara Sorcha says

Laura is a lonely, little girl who has always wanted a friend to share her secrets with. One night she is mesmerised by a glittering star falling from the sky, which lands broken, on the pavement. Laura rescues the star and takes it carefully to her room to fix it. There, whilst it is glowing warmly in her hands, Laura starts to confide in the star. She tells it all her secrets and then she falls asleep finally feeling as though she has a friend.

However when she awakes, the star has disappeared! Laura worries it was just a dream and spends her day feeling upset and alone. When evening arrives and Laura enters her room, she finds the star 'shining like a thousand diamonds'. She is so happy that the star hadn't left without saying goodbye. They then spend the evening playing games and reading together.

Yet as the evening went on, Laura noticed that the star was beginning to fade and cool. The star was dying. So, in a brave attempt to save the star for the second time, Laura ties it to four balloons and releases it out of the window. The star twinkled as it went up in to the night sky. Laura didn't have the star in her hands any more, but she could still look out of her window at night, and whisper her secrets to the star. Laura knew that the star would always be listening to her, so she would never be alone again.

This is a magical story which can help children to understand both the importance of friendship and that sometimes friendship means letting go of the most precious things to you. This story can also be interpreted as a metaphor for children dealing with bereavement, as the star symbolises their lost loved one.

Josephine (biblioseph) says

Would you like to know a secret? For half my life, I was not Josephine, I was called Laura. This was one of the few books I received shortly after the name change and one of my favorites. The books about Josephine were far better, 'Jennifer and Josephine' and 'Josephine's 'Magination' stand out, and were far more my speed, but this one held up alright.

It's about a girl who finds a star and - if I remember correctly - she takes a self-built spaceship into the night sky and sets it back amongst it's friends. (It was a popular children's book series and even had a run as a cartoon!)

I've never had much use for stars in my reviews. On my book blog I've never used them. Taking instead an idea from a blog I love to simply recommend whether you read a book or not, whether you should buy a book or not. It's time I carried it over, because these stars, which rate passion rather than quality, do not belong to anyone other than ourselves. I don't want to tolerate my star ratings being mined for data. Whether for sales on amazon, or to be handed over in the future to those operating under the Patriot Act. GR exists in America, home of the free, after all.

The link is tenuous at best, but inspired by this children's picture book, I will be removing the stars and no longer rating with them on GR. Those that exist have already been loaded onto the servers, but they will not

all be relevant in a years time. And in ten years - who knows.

I recommend you buy this book, the English translation most likely, for a girl named Laura, or any child you know who is interested in space or the stars. You may enjoy reading it yourself. If you have no children in your life, borrow it from the library. I really liked it.

Katia Yanez says

This book was a pleasant mixture of both visuals, and text, neither overpowered the other in the telling of the plot, instead they both supported each other. Overall, the book was wonderful, it offered an important lesson that many need to learn, and that is to know when to let something go. Laura loved the little star with all her heart, but she knew that the star couldn't stay with her, it had to go back to where it came from. It's an innocent way to introduce the lesson, and I feel that children will find it useful, or later connect it back to the story.

Aorduna says

Laura is a shy and lonely girl who one night made a wish for a friend. Something in the sky caught her eye and she ran outside to see what this thing was. Laura found a star that had fallen out of the sky, but a piece of the star's arm was broken. So Laura tended to her new friend and shared all her secrets because she had finally found a friend. The next morning Laura wakes up and her new friend is missing. Laura searched far and wide for the star but could not find her. Later on Laura finds out that the star has been with her all along and realizes the star belongs in the sky. Laura is not sad anymore because she knows she can always open her window at night and still share all her secrets with her beloved friend.

This is a good book for small girls who struggle with getting out of their shell. Baumgart does a good job explaining that you can always find a friend if you look hard enough. The illustration really does coincide with the text showing you how Laura cares for the star when it is hurt, or activities that they have done while they were together.

All in all it is just an amazing book reading growing up throughout my childhood and still enjoy reading to others!

Laura says

Our bedtime story last night was this beautiful storybook about Laura, who finds a bright star and tells it her secrets. She is devastated to find the star gone in the morning before realising they only come out at night!

The illustrations are so pretty; and my son enjoyed looking at them as I read him the story.

Laura Phelps says

Laura is a lonely little girl who finds a friend in a star that falls to earth. It breaks a leg, she fixes it with a band-aid, and then they stay all night together. In the morning, though, she finds that her star has vanished. This makes her very sad, and not even her parents can console her. When she goes to bed that night, however, she realizes that it was never missing, you just can't see stars during the day.

I grew up with this little girl who, like me, was named Laura and had a puff of thick brown hair. I adored the watercolors, and even the smell of the book, unlike even most picture books, was appealing. This book, intended for small children, is to this day one of my all time favorites. I wouldn't hesitate to recommend this to anyone with a small child.

Ranjini says

Laura wishes for a friend - someone special to share all her secrets with. Her wish is granted when a little silver star flew out of the sky and landed, broken, outside her home. She mended it and poured her heart out to it - she had found her friend at last!

A touching magical story...

A story about friendship...

And a story about letting go of your most precious treasure...

Brings forth the age old saying "If you love something, let it go. If it comes back to you, it's yours forever"

Klaus Baumgart is such a consummate writer!

Waiting to get my hands on all the rest...

Age reco: 4-5+

Kai says

⌘ OPENING:

"I wish I had a friend," sighed Laura as she gazed out of her bedroom window.

⌘ CLOSING:

Each night when she went to bed, she could whisper her secrets into the darkness, knowing that the little star was somewhere out there, listening.

? **REVIEW:**

A sad and beautiful story of the friendship between a lonely little girl and a star.

It's touching when the girl is willing to sacrifice...to let go her only friend to save its life. It's sad for them to separate, but I am happy that Laura knows... that the star will always be there for her, listening to her secrets, and she will never be lonely again.

What a beautiful story...

Lara Pass says

***** - 5 Stars

I recently acquired more bookcases for my room as my supply of books is ever-growing. While I was sorting through and organizing books, I found one that was given to me as a christmas present about fourteen years ago. Laura's Star.

Laura's Star by Klaus Baumgart is the perfect book for a little girl. A story of 'a lonely girl' who finds a star that fell to earth, hurt. The star becomes the girl's friend and she no longer felt sad as she knew that whenever she needed a friend or she felt sad, that little star would always be there in the sky.

If you have kids, they will honestly love this book! It was published by Little Tiger Press in 2000. If I can find links to this book anywhere, I will put them down below.

5/5 stars for Klaus Baumgart! This book made my childhood all the more magical.

'Laura didn't feel sad any more, for her star was back where it belonged. Each night when she went to bed, she could whisper her secrets into the darkness, knowing that the little star was somewhere out there, listening.' -- Klaus Baumgart. Laura's Star.

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Robert Beveridge says

Klaus Baumgart, **Laura's Star** (Little Tiger Press, 1996)

Cute kidlit that has every chance to descend into the maudlin and resists the temptation every time—not every day you can say THAT about a kids' book. Laura learns lessons about logical thinking (something else sorely missed in many of today's kids' books) and the old adage about letting something go if you love it. I'm quite fond of this one, and so is the kid; it went into rotation almost immediately. *** ½

Shirley Revill says

A really magical children's story that my children and now my grandchildren love.
Perfect read for bedtime.

Alex says

This story is about a little girl named Laura who longs for a friend she can talk to and share her secrets with. One night as she stares out the window at the night sky wishing for that special friend, she spots a sparkling star falling from the sky. The beautiful star falls out of the sky and lands near the little girl's apartment. She ends up rescuing the star and bandaging its broken point, making it the perfect friend she cuddles to for the rest of the night and shares her secrets with. However, in the morning Laura wakes up to find her new star friend missing. As she is sad throughout the rest of the day searching for it, when she goes up to bed at night she sees a light gleaming from her room. She opens the door to find her bandaged star in the same place she had left it; she just couldn't see it at night! While she is happy to have her friend back, the star is getting cold and dying so she does something any good friend would do and lets it go back into the night sky where it belongs.

This book is a cute little story about friendship. It shows kids that sometimes we have to let our friends go or give something away we love. Overall, I think it's an adorable little book to share with young children. They will love looking at the water color illustrations and feeling the textured star on every page!

Bailey Huylar says

All Laura wants is a special friend to tell all of her secrets too. One night as she gazes outside of her bedroom window, she notices a falling star that seems within reach! She runs outside and sure enough, the star is lying on the ground. Since it has a broken tip, Laura nurtures it back to health while she shares her deepest secrets. This is a wonderful story filled with friendship—the star and Laura both need each other. Laura needs a companion and the star needs to be mended. When the star is safely back up in the sky thanks to Laura's favorite balloons and a band aid, Laura feels as though she is no longer alone. This is a great book about friendship and about helping those in need. The book also shows that no matter how alone you may feel, there will always be someone, or in this case something, that is there for you.

Laura says

Suitable for foundation and KS1 children. This book makes a great follow up activity for a 'sources of light' lesson. Children can help to identify sources of light throughout the book. They learn that stars can only be seen at night when it is dark and that they cannot be seen in daylight.

Beth says

Man, I loved this book as a child - 5*

Reading something for RE teaching on the gift of love and friendship, and this was recommended. Then, I had a flashback to how much I adored this book. 6-year-old me would be disappointed in 22-year-old me...

What a flashback!
