



Ben Says Goodbye

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When a best friend moves away, it can be very painful. In *Ben Says Goodbye*, that loss is addressed with sensitivity and honesty. When Peter moves away, Ben hides under the table and imagines a world in which the two boys can still play together. His family offers gentle support and understanding. The accompanying illustrations are simple, but they do an excellent job of portraying Ben's feelings as he watches Peter leave and then re-imagines their friendship. The book offers a wonderful tool for helping young children cope with this type of loss. Ages 3 - 8.

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