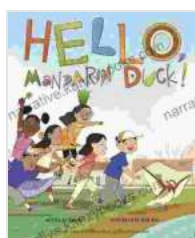


Hello Mandarin Duck: A Poetic Journey for All Ages

In the bustling metropolis of Minneapolis, amidst the skyscrapers and the cacophony of city life, there lived an extraordinary duck. Mandarin Duck, with his vibrant plumage and piercing gaze, became an unexpected symbol of hope and unity for a community grappling with its own complexities.



Hello, Mandarin Duck! by Bao Phi

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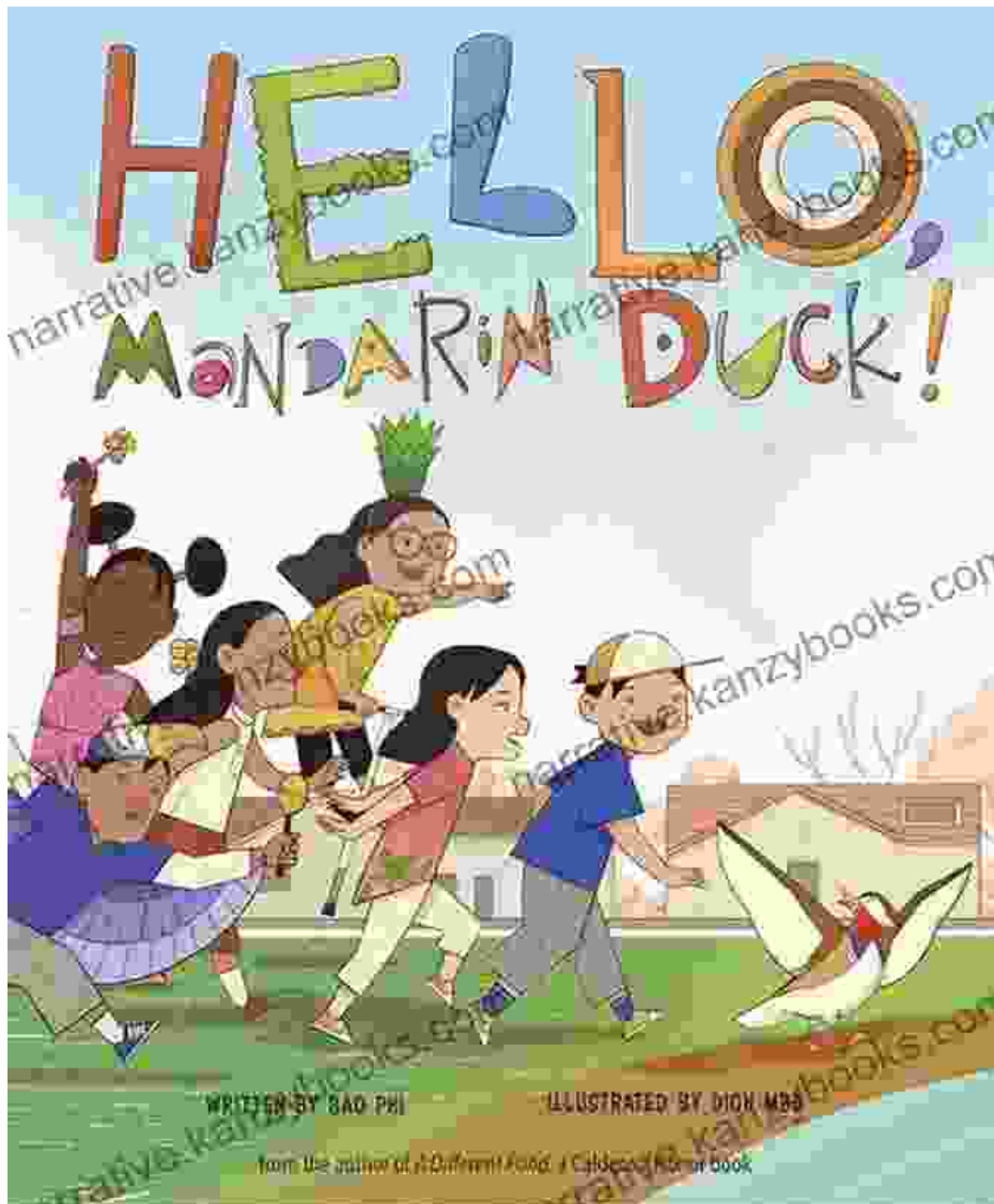


Bao Phi, a renowned poet and community activist, was captivated by the Mandarin Duck's arrival. In his breathtaking picture book poem, *Hello Mandarin Duck*, Phi weaves a narrative that transcends the boundaries of species and cultures.

With lyrical prose and evocative imagery, Phi introduces us to a diverse cast of characters who encounter the Mandarin Duck on his extraordinary journey. There's Mai, a young Vietnamese girl who finds solace in the duck's presence; Abu, a Somali refugee who sees in the bird a reminder of home; and Mr. Johnson, an elderly white man who finds companionship in the duck's silent presence.

Through their interactions with the Mandarin Duck, these characters confront their own preconceptions, biases, and fears. They learn to embrace their differences and to recognize the common humanity that binds them together.

Phi's words paint a vivid tapestry of the human experience, highlighting the power of empathy and the importance of inclusivity. Each page is a testament to the transformative nature of connection and the beauty that can emerge from unexpected encounters.



Hello Mandarin Duck is a celebration of diversity in all its forms. It is a reminder that regardless of our race, ethnicity, or background, we are all part of the human family. Phi's message is one that resonates with children and adults alike, inspiring us to embrace our differences and to build a more equitable and inclusive world for all.

The book's stunning illustrations by artist Hannah Sung bring Phi's words to life with vibrant colors and intricate details. Sung's artwork captures the essence of the Mandarin Duck's journey, from its initial arrival to its symbolic significance within the community.



Hello Mandarin Duck has garnered widespread critical acclaim for its exceptional storytelling and its profound message of unity and compassion. It has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Minnesota Book Award for Children's Literature and the NCTE Award for Poetry.

Ultimately, *Hello Mandarin Duck* is a book that stays with you long after you finish reading it. Its message of acceptance, empathy, and hope is one that will resonate with readers of all ages. It is a book that deserves a place on

every bookshelf, a testament to the power of poetry and the importance of celebrating diversity.

Reviews

"*Hello Mandarin Duck* is a celebration of diversity and a powerful reminder of the importance of empathy and understanding. Bao Phi's words and Hannah Sung's illustrations create a stunning and moving experience."—

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"A masterpiece of children's literature that transcends age and cultural boundaries. *Hello Mandarin Duck* is a must-read for anyone who believes in the power of community and the beauty of embracing our differences."—

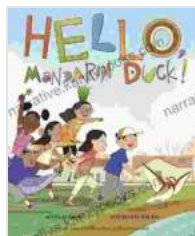
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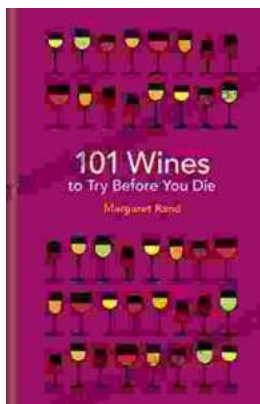
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