



Georgette: A Little Frog Discovers the Value in Revealing Her True Self

Chandler Goldstein, illustrated by C. Shikany

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Chandler Goldstein’s debut picture book is a story about the importance of being true to oneself.

In the Great Enchanted Forest, where the animals talked, the fairies sprinkled their dust...and there was a troll under every bridge,” a frog named Georgette Excitedly sets off for the Grand Frog Tea Party. Georgette is proud of her lilac dress, chosen because lilac is the favorite color of Penelope, the most popular and fashionable frog in the forest. But on her way to the party, Georgette meets a fairy named Lola. Why, Lola asks, would Georgette want to impress someone she barely even knows?

Georgette asks Lola to change her dress to a color Georgette prefers: “the color of an enchanted blue bird.” But when Georgette arrives at the party, everyone else is wearing lilac, and Penelope and her friends laugh at Georgette and shun her. Then another frog, Carlita, arrives. Carlita, like Georgette, has chosen to dress as she chooses rather than follow the crowd. She and Georgette sit together and are joined by other independent-spirited party guests, until their group has “the colors of a rainbow.” The book concludes with a pair of easy-to-make recipes for enchanted punch and frosted cupcakes.

Georgette conveys an important message, albeit one that children’s picture books, from *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* to *Tacky the Penguin*, frequently feature. The story is engagingly written in a style well-suited for reading aloud by parents and teachers. Illustrations by C. Shikany are brightly colored and contain some lovely background scenery.

All in all, *Georgette* is a pleasant book that holds appeal for its target audience.

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