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### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Hest (the Baby Duck books) and Muth (*Stone Soup*) eloquently capture a friendship between two neighbors in the span of a morning wait for the school bus. First grader Harry and Mr. George Baker ("He's a *hundred* years old, no kidding," the boy claims), an African-American jazz drummer ("some people say he's famous"), share a special bond revealed through Harry's descriptive, first-person observations. "I really like his sweater,/ all hangy with three buttons./ It's chilly in the morning, and/ we both hug our knees./ And wait. We wait, watching/ leaves blow off trees." His youthful, sometimes lyrical narrative offers a peek into their understated relationship. "See his pants, all baggy, baggy, baggy?/ .../ There's candy in those pockets./ .../ George pops one in his mouth and I do too." But the biggest connection the two share is that they're both learning to read. Muth's soft watercolors maintain visual interest with varied perspectives of the same porch scene. In one, the pair sits similarly posed, arms crossed over knees, while another spread allows readers to peer out from the recesses of the porch, over their shoulders and identical book bags. With George's "crookedy fingers, going *tappidy* on his knees," Muth fluidly unveils a montage from a bygone era; a close-up of the man's large, dark hands fades downward into a nostalgic jazz club scene. When the bus finally arrives, both friends board, hand in hand. An upbeat, hopeful tale that speaks compellingly to intergenerational friendship. Ages 5-8.

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From School Library Journal

Kindergarten-Grade 3—One-hundred-year-old George has decided to learn to read, so he waits for the school bus every morning along with his young neighbor, Harry. He studies with a group of grown-ups, while Harry does the same with his classmates down the hall. George is a musician, "a drummer man, and some people say he's famous." But to Harry, he is just a friend who shares the struggle of tackling a new skill. Harry narrates the story in short articulate sentences that present an uncomplicated picture of two unlikely friends. Watercolor illustrations depict the African-American man and the Caucasian boy and their warm relationship. The soft tones reflect the pensive feeling, but also capture the playfulness of George's rhythmic drumming as he practices reading. Interesting perspectives allow readers to see the characters from different angles—from the bottom of the porch steps looking up as they smile together, or from behind, showing matching postures and book bags. The spreads are beautifully composed—leaves swirl delicately from one side to the other, George and his wife do a graceful dance across the pages—all subtly pulling the eye from left to right. This book works well as a read-alone or a read-aloud and makes a good companion to Patricia Polacco's *Thank You, Mr. Falker* (Philomel, 1998).—Carolyn Janssen, *Children's Learning Center of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, OH*

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From [Booklist](#)

PreS-Gr. 1. In spare, affectionate language, young Harry describes how he waits for the school bus each morning with his elderly, African American neighbor, George ("he's a *hundred* years old, no kidding"). When the bus arrives, they both get on because George is learning how to read in a class for adults. There's more situation than story here, but Hest tones down what could have been a message-driven piece with quiet, lyrical words that keep the emphasis on George and Harry's companionship and give a sense of George's character that goes beyond his illiteracy. George is a former jazz drummer, according to Harry's fond descriptions, which are written from a child's worshipful viewpoint and beautifully illustrated in subtle watercolors. Hest's understated, unhurried poetry echoes the syncopated rhythms of music to describe the fear and thrill of learning to read, and like Mem Fox's *Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge* (1985), her book

is a simple, sweet, moving portrait of a natural friendship between seniors and children. *Gillian Engberg*  
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