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eye. Their care for him, while respecting his wildness and not trying to tame him, led to a loyal trust in them, and each year he returned, bringing his ever-growing family with him. Hoover takes care not to romanticize or attribute human qualities to the deer; rather she brings to life the individual personalities of each of the deer, their family bond, and their innate wisdom. This is NOT "Bambi"; the deer live a hard-scrabble life, but with dignity and grace. Hoover's prose is well-crafted and beautiful to read. I come away from this book each time with a renewed appreciation of the importance of preserving our wildlife and their habitat, and a reminder that humans are not the only wise and intelligent beings on this planet. I am grateful for the gift Helen Hoover shares in this story. With charming line drawings by Ade Hoover.

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