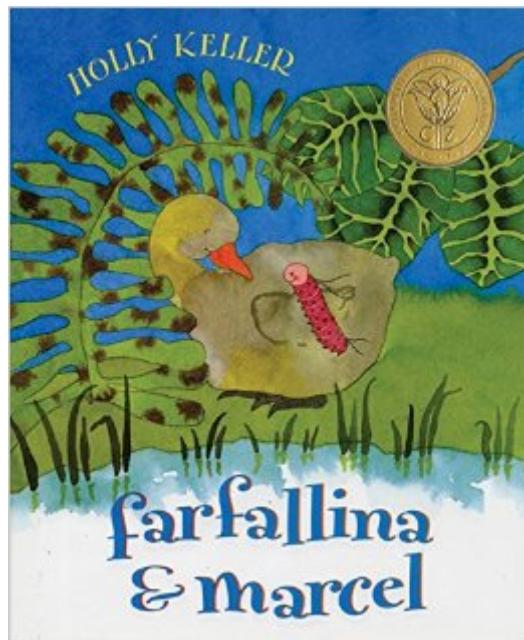


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# Farfallina & Marcel



## **Synopsis**

Once there was a caterpillar named Farfallina, whose best friend was a gosling named Marcel. They did everything together -- until one day, everything started to change. This beautiful and touching story shows that even as life takes different turns, friendship endures.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Wow...what a wonderfully mellow book. You will find no "flash-bang" here, no exciting chases, and no dazzling innovating art work, nor will you find a deeply hidden message lurking in the guise of a story. No, what you have here is a very simple sweet tale of friendship; a lasting friendship which endures despite the inevitable changes in life. There is a strong message here indeed, but it is told in such a way that the meaning is beyond question. A caterpillar is eating a leaf one day during a gentle rain, a leaf which happens to be the temporary umbrella of a small gray bird. The caterpillar, Farfallina and the young bird, Marcel become close and fast friends. They play games, go places together and they talk. This goes on until one day Farfallina "feels strange" and climbs to the top of a tree for a "rest." Time passes. Marcel cannot find his friend and does not know where she has gone. Time passes. Of course you can imagine the rest of the story. When the two friends finally meet again weeks later, Farfallina is no longer a caterpillar but rather a beautiful butterfly and Marcel is no longer a little gray bird but has been transformed into a magnificent grey goose. Will

there friendship remain? Will they recognize each other? Will the rather dramatic changes in their physical appearance alter their feelings for each other? Holly Keller is one of the "top guns" of children's literature and there are reasons for this...she is good at what she does and she deserves it! There is something absolutely mesmerizing and almost hypnotic to her prose which can absolutely settle a room full of kids (3 to 5 years old) down with the reading of the first page. They are absolutely transfixed throughout the reading.

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