

*Spectacular Journey*

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The book *Spectacular Journey* tells the sweet tale of Boogie, a little pink rabbit, Kide, a brown bear, and Nahdoh, a white bear, who are the best of friends. They make their home in a forest on top of a high mountain, where they are surrounded by other animals and delight. Their most desirable location to relax together is the large oak tree. According to established customs, Boogie and Kide always listen to the stories of Nahdoh, who travels around the world. This, however, is their only information about the outside world. They had stayed inside their enclosed animal society their whole lives and yearn to experience the rest of the world. Their desire propels them to join Nahdoh on his travels. Throughout their whole journey, they meet a wide variety of new creatures, such as fairies and grizzly bears, and experience everything from a thunderstorm to swamp adventures to riding on a hot air balloon. In addition to seeing more of the world, they make many realizations and discoveries about different aspects of life. By the time they have returned to their former home, they feel as if it is so small and so different than before, yet they still love their home just as much.

I think that this book is very delightful and full of the excitement of an adventure story, yet also reveals the growth and realizations of the main characters as they make discoveries about life. The book would mainly be targeted towards kids ages 7-10. The prose is very suitable for their reading level, and the story would also appeal to them. The plot includes some fictitious characters and lots of rich descriptions. I think the life lessons that the animals learn on their journey could definitely apply to our personal lives as well. The characters are strongly made, each with their own distinct personality yet all demonstrating good morals and having a strong, lasting bond between each other. Also included are decorative illustrations that add to the descriptions. Overall, I think this book is very well-rounded and is a heartwarming read.