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The sixth book in the beloved Poppy series by Newbery Medal–winning author Avi, with illustrations from Caldecott Medal–winning artist Brian Floca

Has Ereth lost Poppy forever?

Poppy, a deer mouse, has spent the long winter curled up inside her tree snag home in Dimwood Forest. When the ground thaws and life returns to the woods, Poppy sets out in search of excitement.

Suddenly, swooped up by Luci the bat, Poppy is flying high over the forest. Meanwhile, Poppy’s best friend, Ereth the grumbling porcupine, who was with Poppy when she vanished, is convinced that she has died. He sets out to give her the best funeral ever.

Can Poppy find her way out of the bats’ cave to set Ereth straight and return home after the adventure of a lifetime?

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Lyric Parrish-Sloan says

it was really good and really heart warming

Jackie says

It is always so interesting to see, that Goodreads immediately shows this book as #5 in a series. If I had read the back of the CD case, I would also have known this.

I should and would have enjoyed this book more if the animal thinking was consistent: Ereth sees Poppy fly in the air, going up and up. He immediately thinks that she, after she disappears from sight, that she is at her home. He goes there, and is disappointed that she is not there. Ereth then thinks that she is dead, and when another animal goes into Poppy's home to look for her, Ereth is impatient, since he knows for sure that Poppy is not among the living.

Ugh.

Cassie says

A very sweet end to a very sweet series.

Austin says

I didn't like how Rye died, but it opened a whole new opportunity for an adventure. When poppy got caught by a bat, who thought Poppy was a moth, it made an even bigger adventure. but when Spruce went looking for Poppy, he discovered the fire that started on Bannock Hill! While he was hiding, he heard loud galloping and a soft plop and went out and found Poppy! They went to "Poppy's funeral" and she told her kids to go out in different directions to see if the fire had surrounded them, and it had. Then they called in Luci the bat and told her to get every bat to carry them to safety. Ereth refused to get carried by a bat, but finally agreed when Poppy told him the cave floor was made of his favorite food,salt! As he was getting carried away, he screamed,"bring me to the salt!" After the fire stopped, Poppy,Spruce,and Ereth moved north with the bats to an old mine. And that how it ends. It leves you hanging. To bad Avi said this was the last book. Maybe they will continue, but instead of the Poppy series, they will be the Ereth series! :)

Jen Traub says

Perfect end to the Poppy saga.

Still love Ereth! He reminds me of my grandpa.

Rebecca says

What a fabulous series! We are so sad to have come to the end of the Dimwood Forest series!

Janeen-san says

Poppy and Ereth, the last book in the Poppy Stories, begins with a tragic death (I won't tell you who's!) and from there onward, Grandma Poppy embarks on a fantastic adventure that goes sky-high, making enemies and many unexpected friends and allies.

Meanwhile, Ereth the grumpy porcupine wonders if he has indeed lost his only friend forever. He himself learns lots of new things on an adventure of his own. Like how to smile :)

This book was a very satisfying conclusion to the Poppy books! I wouldn't have discovered it if I hadn't a Goodreads account :)

I savored every fresh word, delighted in the surprises they gave me as, one by one, they formed the last book in the Poppy Stories. I loved reading it!

Cheryl Loveless says

This series is a favorite read for my 9 year old daughter. She especially enjoyed the porcupine, Ereth, and his grumpy attitude.

Wendy says

Cute story for the whole family.

Trenten says

So far this is a great, last book of the series, that's full of adventure.

Emma says

I loooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooove this book! I can't wait to see how it ends!

Gabriella says

Such a cute and heartwarming story!

Irene says

This is the last book of the Tales of Dimwood Forest series.

In the introduction, the author specifically states that he "worked hard to join many of the characters, events, and memories of the previous five books." With that kind of set-up, I was especially disappointed that Mephitis, Nimble, Tumble, and Flip did not appear in this book. A passing mention was made of the three foxes, but I would have liked to have seen them interact with Ereth again. At the very least, it would have been nice to find out if they ever did visit Ereth. Moreover, Mephitis's complete absence was particularly troublesome because the previous book led us to believe that he and Ereth would be living together, like a family. So, what happened to him!?

Ereth, one of my favorite characters throughout the series, also left me feeling disappointed. Yes, he was grumpy and short-tempered, but he loved Poppy, and he was not self-centered. His bizarre speech and behavior at Poppy's "funeral" seemed to be out of character for him.

I think a forest fire as a central plot element was good, but was it really necessary to burn the whole forest down? Destroying all of Dimwood Forest seemed too final, as if the end of our time with Poppy should be equivalent to the end of Dimwood Forest, period. I would have preferred to say goodbye to Poppy and Ereth while also preserving the knowledge that future generations of wildlife would make their homes and find their own adventures within the same forest. Yes, this book left us with one small sign of hope... but it just wasn't enough for me. What would happen to all the wildlife in the meantime?

Also, I just didn't like the idea of Ragweed's earring being the cause of the fire. Rather than the fire simply being an act of nature, it's almost as if Ragweed and Poppy (with her decision to put the earring in the tree) were direct causes of the mass destruction. That just seemed wrong.

Still, after all that, this book managed a 3-star rating from me. I liked the way Junior had matured. I liked Spruce, Luci, and the whole bat colony. I even lamented the fact that Rye never saw the beauty of a bat cave. I liked the way Poppy and Bounder formed an alliance in the face of a common threat, similar to the way the animals were united against the threat of man in *Ereth's Birthday*. And, I like that neither Poppy nor Ereth died.

Lynn says

This is #6 in the Perma-Bound edition I read.

I was wondering how Avi would bring these adventures to a close - series have a tendency to lag as they drag on. This did not disappoint!

I can't decide which episode is my favorite, but I'm leaning to this one. Avi cleverly reminds the reader of all

the past adventures, tragedies, and mishaps; and leaves us with the feeling that there is always another adventure just around the corner.

If bats, foxes, porcupines and mice can be friends, can us humans do any less?? So much in this series to discuss with young readers!

MCPLD Youth Department says

Very funny and fun. Great for animal-lovers.
