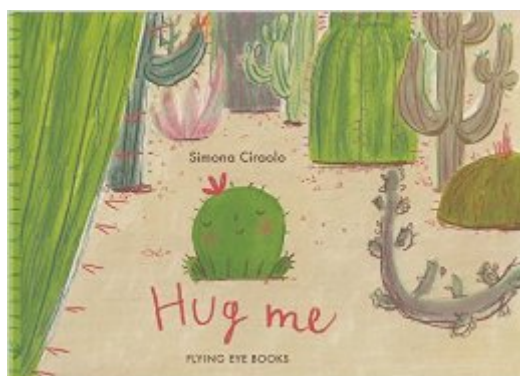


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# Hug Me



## Synopsis

Ever feel like you need a hug, a really big hug from someone? That's how Felipe the young cactus feels, but his family just isn't the touchy-feely kind. Cactuses can be quite prickly sometimes you know . . . and so can Felipe. But he'll be darned if this one pointy issue will hold him back, so one day Felipe sets off on his own to find a friend and just maybe, that long awaited hug. In her debut picture book, Simona Ciraola creates an endearing tale of friendship, beautifully illustrated with buoyant wit and the perfect story to share. Simona Ciraolo is a Sardinian born author and illustrator whose buoyantly witty and endearing tales recently won her the Sebastian Walker Award. Ciraolo studied animation at the National Film School in Turin, Italy, before moving to the United Kingdom where she undertook an MA in children's book illustration at the Cambridge School of Art. She has also worked as a freelance 2D animator for children's TV shows and illustrated five picture books for an independent Italian publisher.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

Hug Me Felipe is a cactusA baby 'mongst many, He longs for a hug But doesn't get any. He's lonely and sad, His prickles don't help, If he gets way to close The "huggee" will yelp. He befriends a balloon, Snuggles up and ... oh my... He injures his friend... Felipe starts to cry. He doesn't give up, He hates sitting still, He's determined to get a big hug... And he will!!! Finally it happens A craggy new

friend, Longs too for a hug, So his heart will mend. The new friends they cuddle, Give hugs, are content, Two unlikely friends, Whose friendship is meant. The pictures are perfect, Expressive and bold, Endpapers included Help the story be told. This book is a winner Heartwarming and fun, A tale that is charming That suits everyone!

A lovely simple children's book that made me smile! Haven't we all felt like the cactus before? :)

If you are looking for a sweet little book that highlights the fact that there are friends for anyone in this beautiful world, grab this book! The illustrations are beautiful and the kids can read it together as it is printed landscape :)

I absolutely adore this book--especially the illustrations. I read with my daughter every night. We have read hundreds of books and this one months later is still memorable. I think that's a sign of a good book.

This book was very sweet. I thought the message was good for children and adults alike. The illustrations were engaging. I only gave it a four out of five stars because of the price (although it is a hardback book).

Absolutely adorable little book with charming illustrations. It's amazing how the illustrator can convey a complex range of emotions based on a few lines. I loved this book!

A simple book that makes it easy to teach higher reading skills. Great at teaching perspective/theme

Felipe is a cactus from a family of cacti who care more about looks and social status. He is taught to keep himself away from others. He really wants a hug, but of course no one notices. He asks for hugs outside of the family, but this only leads to trouble (a creepy looking balloon ends up in hospital from cactus damage). So he decides to leave and look for a new family. This doesn't work out since no one wants him. Then he chooses to live on his own and not let anyone near. Until he hears crying. It is a young rock. Felipe knows what to do and offers a hug. The illustrations appear to be done in colored pencil. It gives it a look that makes you think a child drew the story in crayon. I was very sad at the end of this story. Felipe is a child who is unloved by his family. His family looks down on him. So he decides to run away. No one else wants him either. So, in the end, I am

supposed to feel happy because he can finally get a hug from a rock? The resolution wasn't enough for me to stop feeling angry and sad about Felipe's horrible family. The little rock is also from a family that doesn't care for him. I do not see the positive message in this story for children. The message I got was, if your family sucks, find someone else with a family that sucks and give them a hug. This is a great message for older children and teens, not young children who want to feel safe within the arms of their family. I believe the story had good intentions, but was not able to deliver.

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