



# Erica's Elephant

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When Erica opens the front door to find an elephant on the doorstep, she not only acquires a companion and, yes, a friend, but also a great deal of trouble. An elephant is conspicuous and little girls of ten should not be living by themselves - or looking after an elephant. What will happen to them?

Sylvia Bishop is a new author and I believe one to watch. The narrative tone is perfect, carrying off the ridiculous situation of a ten year old looking after an elephant with confidence and conviction. The elephant, though in an unusual situation, is never anything but an elephant - no talking animals here, while Erica approaches problems with the matter-of-fact logic of the young. Here are two characters to enjoy, a prose style that flows and does not condescend. Ashley King's illustrations and decoration provide the perfect accompaniment, capturing the gentle humour of the text. The author includes useful elephant facts at the end to satisfy young minds. Attractively produced with a clear easy font, this is a book to share - a read-aloud to satisfy both adult and child.

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