

Big Wolf and Little Wolf, Such a Beautiful Orange! (Big Wolf & Little Wolf, 3)

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This is the third and last book in the Big Wolf series. Once again Olivier Tallec's illustrations, which are bold in perspective and full of feeling, deepen the story. Departing from the previous two books, this story takes place in a city, albeit one with a park and a tree on a hill.

Big Wolf and Little Wolf have gone on an adventure. Little Wolf sees an orange and goes after it, but he doesn't return. Big Wolf plunges into the urban jungle in search of Little Wolf. He finds the orange, but not his friend. Fear and loneliness overtake him, but he perseveres. Finally, he comes into a clearing of light, where he finds Little Wolf near where he lost him. Big Wolf has gone full circle and, as these things go, everything has changed. Big Wolf has undertaken an interior journey, gone through the metaphorical forest, and come out fuller and richer and more himself. This is a deep story about true friendship and how it helps to make us who we are.

Nadine Brun-Cosme is the author of over twenty juvenile novels and picture books. She lives in France. Her book Big Wolf and Little Wolf is a 2010 Batchelder Honor book.

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"Even younger readers will be caught up in Big Wolf's odyssey and rejoice when he at last tracks down his errant buddy." - Kirkus

"Children and adults will love 'Big Wolf & Little Wolf, Such a Beautiful Orange!' Its authenticity encourages the spirit to stretch and grow, once again." - The Midwest Book Review

"Tallec's beautifully composed spreads, rich with blues, greens and yellows, are a marvel of soft, richly applied hues and dark swaths of color for contrast, and the two characters, formed with a lithe roundness and sense of vitality, will engage readers. This happily ever after tale offers numerous possibilities for discussion about give-and-take of friendship as well as the artistry of illustration." - Barbara Elleman, Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art

"These funny, quirky, and quietly reflective picture books are about love - who we love, and why we love, and the lengths we will go for love." - Donna McKinnon, 32pages.ca

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