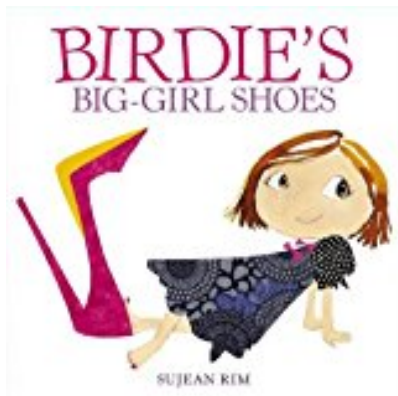


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Description:

From School Library Journal PreS—Doe-eyed Birdie, a budding five-year-old fashionista, is her ultra-stylish mother's eager wardrobe assistant, selecting jewelry, sunglasses, perfume, and shoes for Mom to wear each morning. When her mother finally grants Birdie permission to try on her closet full of "big-girl shoes," Birdie is thrilled. But she soon discovers that feeling glamorous in Mom's stilettos doesn't combine well with dancing or turning cartwheels, concluding that her "beautiful barefoot shoes" are still the best choice for her. (Practical girl, that Birdie!) The bold, stylized watercolor and collage illustrations, paired with spare, simple text, are set against ample white space and burst with bright, attractive textile patterns. A light confection for the preschool

dress-up set.—*Kathleen Finn, St. Francis Xavier School, Winooski, VT* END

From First-time author and illustrator Rim doesn't stray far from her roots as a shoe designer and retail illustrator for this light confection about a little girl who covets her mother's high heels. The drawings retain a trendy fashion feel through an emphasis on spare lines and heavy patterns, but the playfulness of the details—Birdie's hot-pink toenails, her mother's Audrey Hepburn-like posture—heightens the appeal for those yearning for more sophistication than what's offered by Jane O'Connor's *Fancy Nancy*. Birdie starts out only dreaming, wide-eyed, about the closetful of footwear Mom possesses. "She loved her crocodile pumps and her summer peep-toes and all her strappy sandals." Once Birdie tries the big-girl shoes out, however, she finds they're not all that practical for everything she has imagined, and are just plain awkward when cartwheeling and dancing. Her conclusion—"For now, she liked her beautiful barefoot shoes most of all"—seems a fine, age-appropriate response, an antidote to any undue expectations that childhood be rushed through. How refreshing. *Preschool-Grade 1.* --Karen Cruze

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