On The Farm
**Synopsis**

A New York Times best-selling author and a Caldecott Honor-winning illustrator evoke life on a farm in a simple, lyrical text and boldly expressive images. From the bull to the barn cat to the wild bunny, the farmyard bustles with life. The rooster crows, the rams clash, the bees buzz, and over there in the garden, a snake “silent and alone” winds and watches. David Elliott’s graceful, simple verse and Holly Meade’s exquisite woodcut and watercolor illustrations capture a world that is at once timeless yet disappearing from view the world of the family farm.

**Book Information**

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

**Customer Reviews**

The illustrations are beautiful. The woodcuts are colourful without being overly complex. The text is short and descriptive for each animal. My little girl adores this book with special affection lavished on the cow, dog and pig. :) I would love to see more books from this author and illustrator duo as this is one of the best picture books I’ve seen though my taste tends towards the more old-fashioned books with less flash such as Virginia Lee Burton’s and Dr. Seuss.

My introduction to this series was through On the Wing, which has a different illustrator as Holly Meade had passed away. Even though I knew the illustrators were different, I expected them to be similar -- in this case realistic. In On the Wing the birds look like they are ready to fly off the pages.
The illustrations are rich & beautiful. So when I picked up On the Farm I was initially offput by the drastic change in illustration style. While I still prefer the realism of On the Wing, I marvel at those contained in On the Farm. Meade woodcarved the illustrations herself, stamped them, and then did watercolor over that. They are simple, its true, but remarkable. I stare at these illustrations now that seem rustic and manage to capture farm life so well. The poems are nice, simple, and informative - a great start for little ones learning about farms. Recommend.

Love the art in this book - big, bright, colorful. Both my littles (1 and 3) love all things animal and farm so this has been a big hit. I like the rhymes for each animal. They don't all rhyme, so exposes them to some other types of poetry.

We picked this up at the book store this afternoon and have read it several times already tonight. My 3 year old and 21 month old love it. The illustrations are beautiful, the writing poetic and interesting. My daughter is already remembering some of the lines and asking to read it again and again. It has charm and I enjoy reading it to them, which is always a positive sign. I will buy this as a gift.

I did give the book to another great-granddaughter, because I thought it much too young for my 4 year old great-grandson.

You never know what attributes will spring to life when writer David Elliott enters the farm with his clever thoughts! My granddaughter loves both the text and the illustrations. Just beautiful.

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