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And So It Goes



Synopsis

In this gentle meditation on the cycle of life, author and illustrator Paloma Valdivia gives us an opportunity to reflect on those who have gone, those who will come, and those of us who are here in this world *for the time being*. The neighbor's cat, a favorite aunt or the fish in yesterday's soup have gone *and we may well miss them*. At the same time, we celebrate the arrival of a new baby or a litter of playful kittens. It's a mystery where we come from and where we are going, so why not enjoy ourselves while we can? Paloma Valdivia's charming illustrations bring a light touch to this candid contemplation of life and death.

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Customer Reviews

"A tribute to those who pass, a celebration of time here, and a multilayered rumination on the cycle of life." *Kirkus*, starred review "Valdivia offers a bold and surprisingly lighthearted view of existence." *Publishers Weekly* "This charmingly illustrated picture book tackles the very difficult topic of life and death and the mysteries that are so often associated with them. A lovely addition to larger library collections." *School Library Journal*

Paloma Valdivia was born in Chile where she studied design, followed by post-graduate studies in

illustration in Barcelona. She has collaborated with several media companies, museums and publishing houses, and she has published many illustrated children's books. She won a prestigious Plaque award at the Biennial of Illustrations, Bratislava, and the Spanish edition of this book won Santiago's municipal award, Mexico's CANIEM award and an honorable mention for the Bologna Ragazzi Award. Paloma lives in Chile. Susan Ouriou is an award-winning writer, editor and literary translator with over thirty translations and co-translations of fiction, non-fiction, children's and young adult literature to her credit. She has won the Governor General's Literary Award for Translation. She also recently published Nathan, a novel for young readers. Susan lives in Calgary.

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