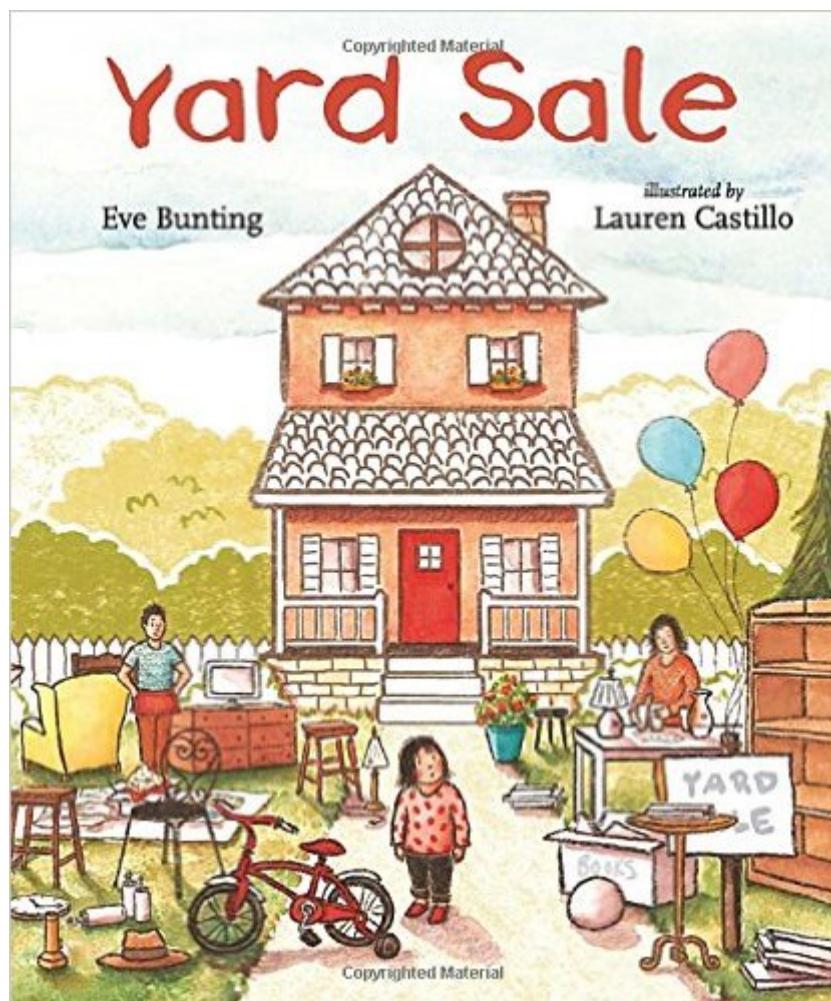


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# Yard Sale



## Synopsis

When a family has to leave their house and move to a small apartment, it's hard to let go of things—“but having one another is what counts. Almost everything Callie’s family owns is spread out in their front yard—their furniture, their potted flowers, even Callie’s bike. They can’t stay in this house, so they’re moving to an apartment in the city. The new place is “small but nice,” Mom says, and most of their things won’t fit, so today they are having a yard sale. But it’s kind of hard to watch people buy your stuff, even if you understand why it has to happen. With sensitivity and grace, Eve Bunting and Lauren Castillo portray an event at once familiar and difficult, making clear that a home isn’t about what you have, but whom you hold close.

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## Customer Reviews

In this collaboration from Eve Bunting and illustrator Lauren Castillo, Callie struggles with the difficult and confusing situation of moving to a new house and leaving home behind. Callie and her parents are having a yard sale in preparation of their move to a smaller apartment. The young narrator doesn't completely understand why her family is moving - she only knows that it has to do with money. As strangers come, asking questions about her belongings and taking them away, Callie's discomfort and sadness grows. And, when a woman (Nana of Nana in the City!) teasingly asks if Callie is for sale, she runs to her parents in alarm, fearful of being left behind too. This book is a

great fit for any family going through a move and/or dealing with financial difficulties, but it will also easily resonate with many types of readers, serving as a reminder that home is less about place and more about the people that surround you.

I retired from a school that had an enormous turnover rate. Every day children would move in and out of our school. I knew it was scary for them. This would have been such a good book to share with children who are relocating. I am sorry I didn't have it then and am thinking very seriously about donating a copy to the new librarian there. I liked how the parents reacted to the children in this book and I liked the explanations about why some things like a bed couldn't be moved. There would be a bed that comes out of the wall in the apartment. The illustrations are nice and gives you plenty to look at and maybe even converse about if need be. Eve Bunting has done an excellent job as usual. When I read books like these, I really do miss working in my old library.

This picture book addresses a difficult situation - having to downsize because you lost your home and are moving to a much smaller house. It is hard for a child to understand why the family is selling things they have owned for years. There are some touching moments in the story as the little girl sees her bed purchased and even her bike. The child doesn't fully understand what is happening or why but as long as the family remains together everything should be OK. I have never seen a book address this situation before and it is one that would be hard for a child to fully cope with. This book should help when this economic disaster hits a household,,,

**Summary:** Callie's family is about to move into an apartment, and they are having a yard sale to sell the belongings that they can't take with them. Callie's bed is sold, because the new apartment has a bed that pulls out of the wall, and her bicycle because the family will be living on a busy street with no sidewalk. Her best friend comes to see how it's going, and asks Callie to remind her why they're moving. "It's something to do with money," says Callie. A woman tells Callie she's "the cutest thing" and asks if she's for sale, which scares Callie. Her dad hugs her and assures her that he would never sell her for any price. She realizes that as long as her family is together in her new apartment, it will feel like home.

**Pros:** A heartwarming story which could also serve as bibliotherapy for children in this difficult situation.

**Cons:** You may get a lump in your throat on more than one page.

This is a touching story about a family who has to downsize and move to a much smaller place. The

little girl is troubled by it all and alarmed when some of her things are also being sold off. She fears she might be sold, too. This deals with an issue many families unfortunately have to face, and it's done in a tender way.

This book is kind of sad as an adult, but I'm really glad they have a book on this subject, since I've seen this happen to many people. A family has to sell off all their possessions because they are losing their house and have to move in to a small apartment. Though it's hard to let go of things, and there is sadness over moving away from friends, the important thing is being together no matter where you are. This book is about a difficult subject, but it was done well.

In **YARD SALE**, Callie and her parents are having a huge yard sale. They have to move out of their house into a smaller house and everything at the yard sale has to be sold. The book does a good job of illustrating the mixed feelings a child and family has when they have to sell belongings and move.

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