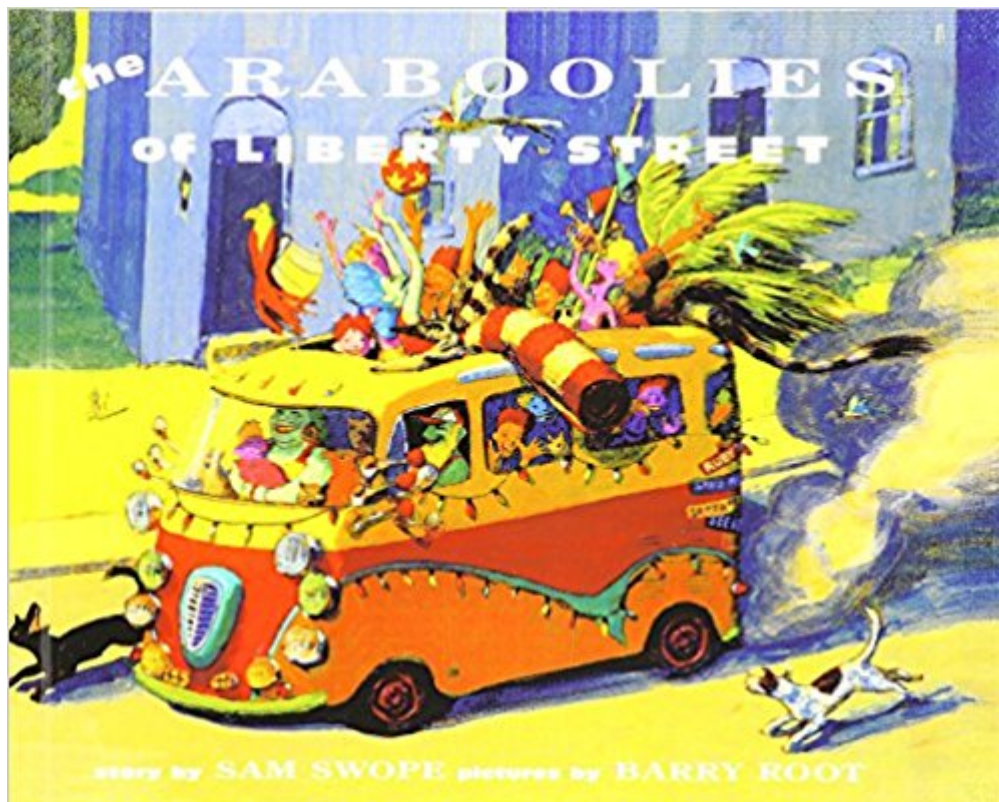


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# Araboolies Of Liberty Street



## Synopsis

The kids of Liberty Street join forces to help the Araboolies when mean General Pinch orders them to move because they look different. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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## Customer Reviews

On Liberty Street, where all the houses look alike, General Pinch and his skinny wife are in charge. Whenever it appears that anyone is having fun, the general threatens to call in the army; in this way, he keeps the neighborhood quiet and dull. Enter the Araboolies, undefinable creatures of lively, fun-loving temperament and psychedelic color combinations. The Araboolies are "not the neatest people in the world, truth to tell," for they put furniture in the yard and even watch TV outside. When General Pinch makes good on his threats and calls in the army to vanquish the group, a girl named Joy resists. Her efforts pay off; the Pinches are carted off instead of the Araboolies. The many-sided satire on fascism is wordy and repetitive, and the only focus on a child character--Joy--occurs two-thirds of the way through. But the messages of freedom, individualism and tolerance are strong. Ages 4-8. Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grade 2-5-- When the colorful, noisy, multihued Araboolies move to conventional, quiet Liberty Street, General Pinch and his wife are horrified. And when the Araboolies paint their house in bright zigzags, camp on the front lawn, and engage the neighborhood children in wild and joyful games, General Pinch calls out the army. Quickly the children decorate every house with paints, banners

and balloons, leaving the General's house as the "weird one" on the block. Following orders to find the house that is different, the soldiers tie up the Pinch's house and drag it away. Brightly colored, sweeping, full double-page paintings enliven this modern fable of people vs. government. Swope's message may well be that diversity and individuality are good, but what comes through in the story is the sense that modern neighborhoods, no matter how ordinary, exist under the threat of military enforcement. The fact that the children of the neighborhood are able to cover up the radical individualism of the dissident family and turn the tables on the General himself gives no comfort. The pictures are full of action and entertainment, and the book can prove useful--not for the lighthearted story that was probably intended, but for consideration of the seldom-discussed role of the military in modern societies. The creators of this book, perhaps unwittingly, have produced that rarity, a picture book that deals with political issues as well as more subtle social themes of tolerance, conformity, and the rights of the individual in a community. --Shirley Wilton, Ocean County College, Toms River, NJ Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is one of the best children's books on the planet. It's one of those books that kids love but has a message for adults as well.

Like the story very much!

This is one of my favorite books of all time. It is a fun way to understand in such a simple way about racism and bullying. It makes a perfect gift for young families. But I keep a copy for myself to read from time to time.

This is good for teaching about fairness and bullies. Goes with common core standards for teaching point of view. If you are looking for a compare and contrast lesson with perspective the big orange spot goes great with this book.

What a cute story for kids and what a wonderful message it has for adults. Change and differences can be good, especially in this story. Who gives others the right to say what can and cannot be done! When you keep up a threatening fuss, be careful, it just might backfire. My small grandchildren loved the story, the colorful pictures, and eventually the message.

I absolutely love this story about the colorful Araboolies who move to prim and proper Liberty Street where everyone is strongly encouraged to be the same. Children are delighted by the surprise ending.

I have been looking for this book for years and finally found it - where else but on !Am enjoying reading it to the 1st, 2nd & 3rd graders That I volunteer-read to. They are enjoying the book and the lessons of tolerance (and against bigotry) that you can learn from this little book. And it arrived in a very quick, timely manner.

Hooray! This book is back in print!!! Such a delightful book! I first learned of this book when our minister read the book to the children one Sunday. When I learned that the book was out of print, I began to search for used copies, but had no luck. Then one day I discovered that the book was being re-printed and I signed up immediately to have it delivered to me. The story of the Araboolies changing colors each day and sleeping on the front lawn always brings a smile to me and to my children. This book teaches tolerance in a way that is easy to understand. I plan on giving a copy of this book to all of my closest friends with children.

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