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Editorial Review

Review

Starred Review, Publishers Weekly, August 15, 2011:

"Almond gives readers a vivid picture of the joyfully free-form workings of Mina's mind and her mixed emotions about being an isolated child. Her gradual emergence from the protective shell of home is beautifully portrayed as she gingerly ventures out into the world. Not as dark, but just as passionate as Almond's previous works, this novel will inspire children to let their imaginations soar."

Starred Review, Booklist, September 15, 2011:

Almond is rather brave to have written a prequel to *Skellig* (1998), a book that was the essence of originality. So many things could have gone wrong. But he is too shrewd—and fine—a writer to let that happen. This is the story of Mina, the girl next door who, in *Skellig*, helped Michael cope with the man he found in his garage eating dead flies and growing wings. Who was Mina before Michael arrived? Form as well as language bring Mina alive. Her journal introduces us to this authoritative, imaginative, irascible child, and her entries appear in her childlike penmanship; the print is big and bold when she finds a word she loves ("METEMPSYCHOSIS!"), and she uses concrete poetry as she plays with language and thoughts. And what thoughts! Mina is homeschooled, because, well, because she's Mina, and she needs expanses of time to think about myths and mathematics. She dreams of her dead father and wonders, wonders, wonders about birds. It is the birds that will lead readers into *Skellig*—that, and glimpses of Michael and his family moving next door. This book stands very much alone, but the sense of wonder that pervades the smallest details of everyday life remains familiar.

— *Ilene Cooper*

The New York Times Book Review, October 16, 2011:

"Mina is a perceptive, fiercely curious, and defiant but sensitive girl who will surely prove a heroine for many."

"Almond's singular gifts--the hypnotic quality of the prose, the ethereal connection between the mundane and the magical, and the character study of a fiercely intelligent, fiercely independent young girl--triumph over it all."--*The Horn Book Magazine*

From the Hardcover edition.

About the Author

DAVID ALMOND grew up in a large family in northeastern England and says, "The place and the people have given me many of my stories." His first novel for children, *Skellig*, was a Michael L. Printz Honor Book and an ALA-ALSC Notable Children's Book and appeared on many best book of the year lists. His

second novel, *Kit's Wilderness*, won the Michael L. Printz Award for Excellence in Young Adult Literature.

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