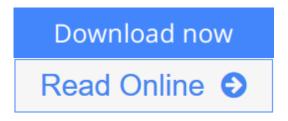
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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Carolers can also sing along with The Little Drummer Boy, illus. by Kristina Rodanas. The artist's majestic desert landscapes offer dramatic contrast to the intimacy of the modest stable.

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From School Library Journal

reS-K-When commercialism threatens to overtake the season, this song reminds readers that a gift from the heart brings great joy to both the giver and the receiver. Rodanas's colored-pencil and watercolor illustrations depict a young boy in a tattered robe carrying a doumbek, representative of drums in the Middle East. The single line of text per page coupled with the richly hued double-page illustrations make this story ideal for sharing. The musical score and lyrics to all three verses appear on the last page. Even libraries that have Ezra Jack Keats's version (Viking, 2000) may want this one for its fresh interpretation of Bethlehem, the humble stable, and the range of emotion expressed in the boy's face and demeanor.-G. C.

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Review

This handsome picture book revisits the timeless holiday song about the poor drummer boy who learns that the most valuable gifts are those given from the heart. Rich, textured images spring from the pages, their radiant gold and red earth tones balanced by warm blue and green hues. Rodanas evokes the boy's gentle persona through soft colors and the simple line work of the child's drum, and then uses bold colors for the kings' robes and and strong textile patterns in Mary's garments. The contrast effectively reinforces the musical rhythm and movement of the text. Booklist, ALA

"A beautiful demonstration of the true meaning of Christmas." Kirkus Reviews

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