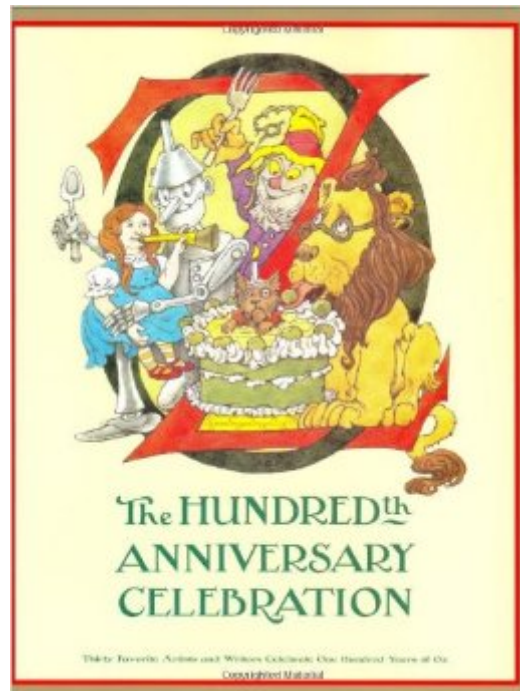


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# Oz: The Hundredth Anniversary Celebration



## Synopsis

Can it really be one hundred years ago that a little girl from Kansas rode a tornado to a wondrous land called Oz? The adventures of Dorothy and her friends have enthralled generations of readers over the last century. Now, in *Oz: The Hundredth Anniversary Celebration*, thirty beloved children's book authors and artists pay tribute to the enchanted land that has done so much to nourish our imaginations, to make us laugh, and to inspire us. In words and images, these great storytellers and illustrators pay homage to an American classic. From a joyous vision of skipping down the Yellow Brick Road alongside Toto...to moving memories of turning to Oz as a source of comfort during wartime...to warm tales of parents and children shoring the pleasure of discovering a magical world together, these reflections celebrate all that is most special about Oz. Oz has proved to be an image of hope in the most difficult of circumstances, and the vivid words of L. Frank Baum have entranced even the most reluctant of young readers. Appropriately then, in addition to offering tributes to Dorothy, the Scarecrow, Tin Woodman, Cowardly Lion, and their friends, *Oz: The Hundredth Anniversary Celebration* honors reading itself. Proceeds from the sale of this book will be donated to Reading Is Fundamental (RIF), which brings diverse literacy activities and free, new books to three and a half million children every year.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This book has art and stories from some of my most favorite children's book creators--people like

Madeleine L'Engle, Eric Carle, Paul Zelinsky, Chris Van Allsburg. All of them show how Oz entered their imagination and influenced them. You can really see how passionate about it they are--plus they donated their work (to support Reading Is Fundamental). It's a great gift for anyone who likes Oz.

I knew this was not a storybook. It is a collection of various artists paying tribute to Baum's work at its 100th anniversary. I had hoped to see their renditions of famous scenes from the book, but that is not the case. These are personal reactions to the work in prose, and following that the artistic presentations of those times/feelings. Too personal an approach I thought for a tribute book. I was disappointed. And much of the art wasn't up to par either. Looked like something done in a rush to meet a deadline.

This book is truly a celebration. Multiple writers and artists have shared what Baum's stories meant to them and how they interpret the kingdom of OZ as adults now. I first read the series as a grade school boy in the fifties and still will return to the stories from time to time. I am sharing them with my grandchildren at this time and it is such a joy to see them as captivated as I was so long ago!

some nice illustrations and accompanying remarks, but nothing to write home about

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