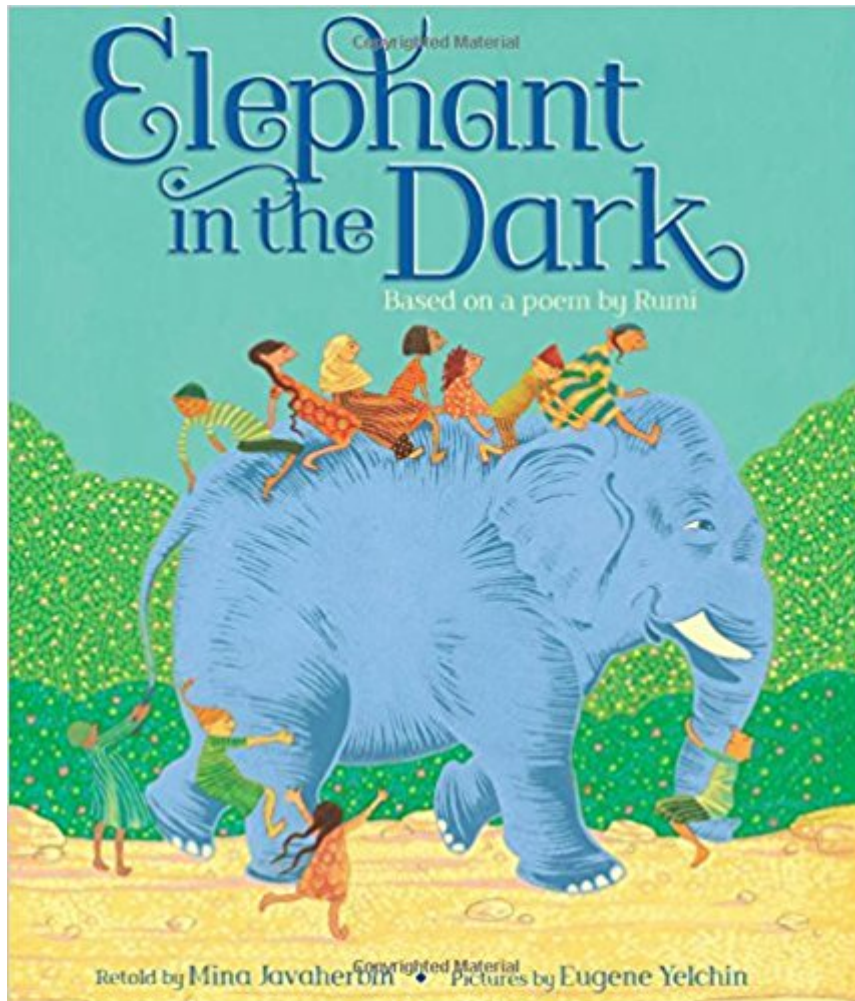




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Elephant In The Dark



Synopsis

A bold, humorous rendition of "The Three Blind Men and the Elephant", magnificently illustrated by an award-winning artist! When the villagers hear of a huge and mysterious creature that has come all the way from India, they steal into the dark barn to find out what it is. "It's like a snake!" says one. "It's like a tree trunk," says another. "No, it's like a fan!" argues the third. Who is right? Which of them knows the creature's true shape? Mina Javaherbin's charming and witty retelling combined with Eugene Yelchin's refreshingly brilliant illustrations bring this enlightened classic, inspired by Rumi's poem, vividly to life.

Book Information

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Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

K-2 **A** merchant has brought a strange creature from India to a Persian village, and the locals are curious. The merchant puts off his neighbors because it is too dark in the barn and he wants to sleep. The villagers sneak in one at a time to figure out what is inside. Each one feels a different part of the animal, coming to a different conclusion about its identity. They are so busy squabbling among themselves that they miss seeing the elephant the next morning as the merchant leads it to the river. The villagers never see the wonder of the elephant because "they each knew only a small piece of the truth." This picture book is based on a poem by Rumi. Yelchin's illustrations are bright and colorful and filled with expressive faces. They take the story to an imaginative level.

The story is told simply but with a meaningful impact. VERDICT Young readers and teachers who enjoy folktales with an entertaining moral will appreciate this story's message. —Kris Hickey, Columbus Metropolitan Library, OH

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This was such a great book, especially to give as a gift. Such a story with beautiful illustrations!

This is a great children's story and beautifully illustrated. This author's stories consistently have a message that is well delivered and fun to read to my kids. This makes a great gift too.

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