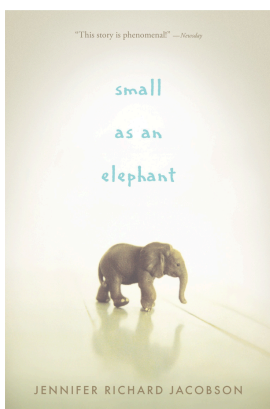


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Small as an Elephant

by Jennifer Richard Jacobson



Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.



Read Aloud Video

What's It About?

"A deeply perceptive look at the universal fear of abandonment." — Booklist (starred review)

Ever since Jack can remember, his mom has been unpredictable, sometimes loving and fun, other times caught in a whirlwind of energy and 'spinning' wildly until it's over. But now she is gone, leaving him all alone on a campsite in Maine. Can he find his way back to Boston before the authorities realize what happened? With nothing but a small toy elephant to keep him company, Jack begins a journey that will test his wits and his loyalties — and his trust that he may be part of a larger herd after all.

- Modern day survival story mixed with mental health awareness.

Who Wrote It?

Coming from a long line of educators, I always knew I'd be a teacher. I didn't always know I'd be a writer, but somehow it turned out that way. I kept a diary since the age of nine, and I won the Edith Bird Bass Essay Contest as a senior in high school in my hometown of Peterborough, NH. The mother of two young children, I accepted the challenge of reading and reviewing 400 picture books for an educational company in the process of creating reading anthologies. Soon after this gig ended, I went on a writing retreat and wrote my first



saleable book, *A Net of Stars*. 3 years later I had my first signing and a few of those children from my first-grade class came to say hello. They were seniors in high school. www.jenniferjacobson.com

AR Reading Level: 4.7

Lexile Level: 690L

I want to read this book: YES / NO

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