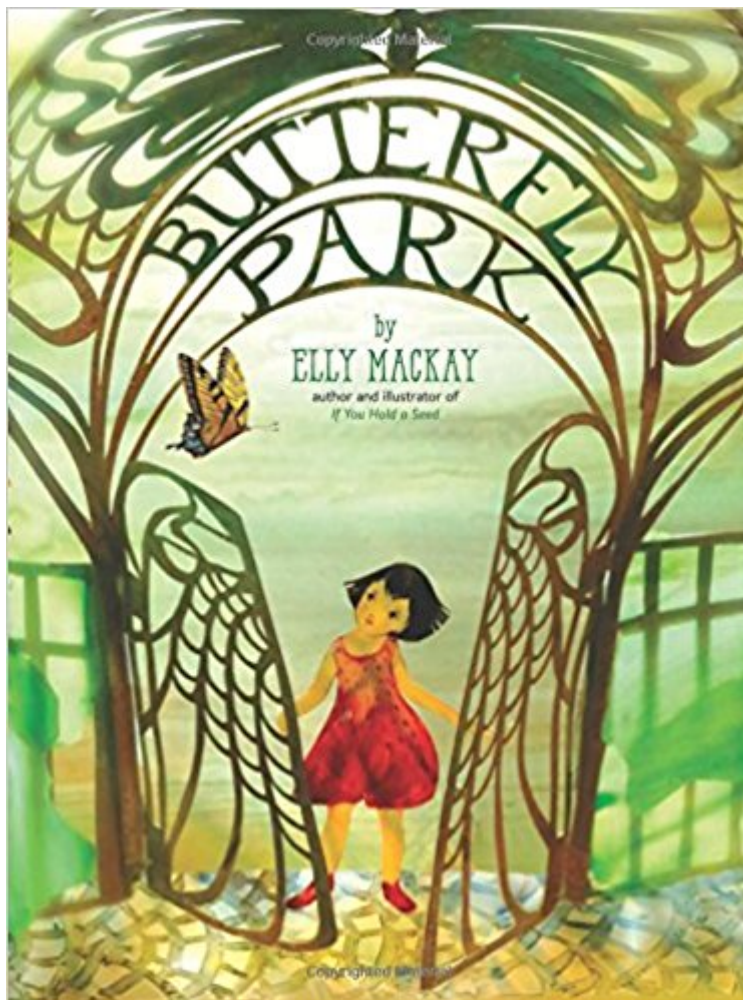


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# Butterfly Park



## Synopsis

When a little girl moves to a new town, she finds a place called Butterfly Park. But when she opens the gate, there are no butterflies. Determined to lure the butterflies in, the girl inspires her entire town to help her. And with their combined efforts, soon the butterflies and the girl feel right at home. Elly MacKay's luminous paper-cut illustrations and enchanting story encourage community, friendship, and wonderment in the beauty of everyday life. Free poster on reverse side of book jacket.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

## Customer Reviews

K-Gr 2 — A nameless girl is sad to leave the butterflies when her family moves from a rural house to the city. Luckily, her new house is next door to Butterfly Park, but she finds the park barren of butterflies. She enlists the help of other children to catch butterflies and bring them to the park, but they always fly away again. Chasing the stubborn insects, the children realize that flowers will attract them, and they all pitch in to replant the park. The story concludes happily with a beautified park and the girl feeling right at home. The text of this story is its weakest element, while the artwork shines. The plot is standard picture book fare, but the writing is vague, awkward, and a bit coy. The 3-D "lightbox dioramas," on the other hand, are beautifully creative and atmospheric. Painted paper

figures are placed into constructed scenery, lit dramatically, and photographed. Each page glows with jewel tones, and the final spread is a gatefold that displays the neighborhood's proud transformation. As a bonus, the book's dust jacket has a "Plant your own butterfly garden" poster printed on the inside, showing flowers that will attract butterflies. VERDICT A good fit for larger collections, especially those that emphasize gardening or ecology. —Heidi Estrin, Congregation B'nai Israel, Boca Raton, FL

"Each intricately detailed page is like some tiny, delicate stage set, with a blurred background suggesting an even wider world beyond." —The New York Times Bookshelf

Centered on the park's elaborate art nouveau gateway, MacKay's lyrical paper collage and diorama constructs feature layered details and out-of-focus backgrounds for a sense of depth. Brightly patterned butterflies, delicate flowers, and human figures pose like gracefully off-balance dancers. . . . Worthy of theme and equally pleasing to the eye and the spirit." —Kirkus Reviews

MacKay's artwork recreates the feel and pleasure of Edwardian-era illustration, and lovers of picture-book fantasy will embrace it. —Publishers Weekly

The settings are intricate; the Butterfly Park entrance gate is a thing of beauty; and MacKay's sense of composition is spot-on. —Bookpage

The real treat here is the art. MacKay is in top form, and readers will delight in the mix of colours, textures, and perspectives she employs in creating the visual elements of this lovely book. —Quill and Quire

Elly MacKay's artistry is truly beautiful and this story matches that beauty. My daughters and I have all loved reading this book and hearing the youngest one gasp upon seeing the large spread towards the end means she was engaged and enjoying it as much as the older two and me. A very sweet story that is appropriate for any age.

My 6 year old and 4 year old loved looking for the butterflies on the pages. They were really involved in the story line.

This is a beautiful edition, with extraordinary illustrations, of a lovely story that any child will love, and any parent, grandparent (or great-aunt!) will love to read to him or her. By all means, add this to the library of any child, and you will have done something magical.

Elly's art is absolutely amazing. She is so talented at what she does, you feel like you are transported into the world of the story. We love If You Hold a Seed and Butterfly Park!

This book was just as magical as If you hold a seed. The cover folds out as a poster too which my daughter loved! It touches on transitions and building community in a way that children grasp.

The art is beautiful

Lovely story, beautifully illustrated, super for kids aged about 2 - 6. Boys as much as girls!

Darling book and lovely story!

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