Drummer Boy

In a wintry little town, a drummer boy appears on a child's doorstep. And when it is still and quiet, the drummer boy plays, boom pum pum boom pum, and warms the child's heart. But one day the drummer boy is accidentally knocked into the trash, sending him on a journey he never imagined—a journey on which he continues to play his drum, warming the hearts of others, from a rat to an owl to a snowman. And in a touching conclusion, his own heart is warmed as he plays to his most perfect audience: the baby in a manger. Loren Long brings this story of an unforgettable little drummer boy to vivid life with his timeless and magical art.

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My Personal Review:
I was first drawn to Loren Longs work at a shopping mall. His book Toy Boat was faced outward toward the window. The artwork was so moving that I had to go in and give it a look. When I perused through the pages of the beautiful book, I realized that this was the wonderful creator of the artwork for Mr. Peabodys Apples.

Drummer Boy is another addition to Mr. Longs list of vibrant and wonderful compilation of illustrations that make a book, only this time he was enabled to draft his own text. The adventures of the drummer boy are exciting and the fluid prose makes it an enjoying read.

Loren Long has become the top illustrator on my list. His plays with shadow and light and softened main characters draw me in to each page. And my children also share a love for his work. His books are pulled from the shelf time and again to be read and for the pleasure of gazing upon each and every image.

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