

Stinson, Kathy. *The Man with the Violin*. Ilus. Dušan Petričić. Toronto: Annick Press, 2013. Print.

Kathy Stinson, author of more than 25 previous books for young people, has written a lovely book featuring illustrations by award winning artist Dušan Petričić.

This book tells the story of Dylan, a young boy walking through a busy Washington, D.C. Metro station with his mother. Dylan hears a man playing beautiful music on his violin, but his mother refuses to stop to listen and they move on and board the train home. Without giving away the ending, readers of this review will be pleased to know that this book is based on a true story, and features a postscript by a notable classical musician.

Stinson's engaging writing style pairs well with Petričić's creative use of colour to depict the musical sounds of the violin. The author and illustrator bring music to life in this touching book that reminds us of the curious nature of children, and their ability to notice things that adults ignore.

*The Man with the Violin* is recommended for readers from 5-8 years of age, but it would also be great for story time with younger children as well.

Highly Recommended: 4 out of 4 stars

Reviewer: Sean Luyk