



[Aug 21, 2013](#) [Michael Albro](#) rated it 5 of 5 stars

Being a former musician in high school and college, I thought this children's book was really cool. I must admit though, I was the tiniest bit upset that it didn't feature the instrument I used to play: the clarinet. But, that's bias for you.

Journey to Jazzland is about Windy Flute and her group of friends as they travel together to a place where they're allowed to play whatever type of music they want. It's got a little bit of the "Town Musicians of Bremen" thrown in there, I think. Not only is it a cute story, but it also attempts to break down the musical technicality of jazz into layman's terms that children will understand. And I think Journey to Jazzland does this very well. A book should not only entertain, but educate.

The one thing this book desperately needs is a sound track. All that talk of music made me want to hear it in the background as I read. Maybe an audio version is in the works? Kind of a Peter and the Wolf type of thing?[\(less\)](#)

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[Aug 20, 2013](#) [Christoph Fischer](#) rated it 5 of 5 stars

"Journey to Jazzland" by Gia Volterra de Saulnier with its beautiful illustrations by Emily Zieroth is a magnificent piece of art.

The story follows Windy Flute on her quest from overly regulated orchestra music to Jazzland, the place where there is freedom to play in a group but according to your heart. On her journey she is joined by other instruments who also don't want to play to someone else's tune.

The book is a great tool to teach some basic music theory to children as the characters include several Jazz instruments but of course it also works as a metaphor and tribute to freedom of expression in all walks of life.

With delightful characters and a wonderful message this is a great read for any age group that left me feeling warm, inspired and upbeat.

Excellent.[\(less\)](#)

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[Aug 22, 2013 Heather Badgwell](#) rated it 5 of 5 stars

I received this from the author in exchange for an honest review.

I read this to my 7 year old, disabled child.

He absolutely LOVED it! He couldn't quit talking about his favorite characters. Especially Sly Guitar! He kept telling me about this great adventure into Jazzland. And now he wants to learn to play instruments. He already wanted to play guitar...now he wants to learn how to play "booming bass" and "kitt drums".

Any story that makes my youngest child stop, and think about learning new things, and talk about this grand adventure, is great in my book![\(less\)](#)

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[Aug 19, 2013 Whit Martin \(Whit's Book World\)](#) rated it 4 of 5 stars

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Review Copy:

This book is about the musical instruments journey to Jazzland. Along the way Windy the flute, gets joined by several other instruments to get to Jazzland. A place they can all play the music they feel in there "souls."

Over all this book was good. For a children's book I really enjoyed it. It has very cute illustrations, and very sweet story. I loved Windy the flute. And I thought the moral of the story was a very good one.