



★ **Noticing**

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Wispy watercolors and black sketchlike lines—hallmarks of the works of author/illustrator team Kobi Yamada and Elise Hurst—burst from the page in this beautiful reminder to find the exceptional in the everyday. A young girl encounters an old woman painting in the woods; rather than a painter, the old woman describes herself as “more of a noticer.” A transformative friendship is born as the woman invites the girl to see the world—and herself—in a new light.

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