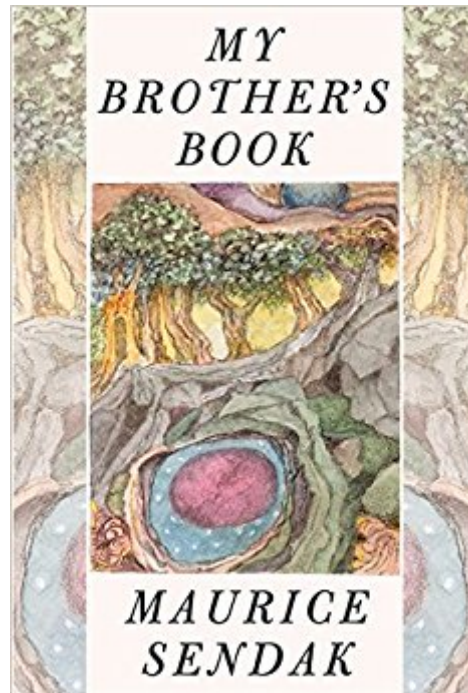




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Fifty years after *Where the Wild Things Are* was published comes the last book Maurice Sendak completed before his death in May 2012, *My Brother's Book*. With influences from Shakespeare and William Blake, Sendak pays homage to his late brother, Jack, whom he credited for his passion for writing and drawing. Pairing Sendak's poignant poetry with his exquisite and dramatic artwork, this book redefines what mature readers expect from Maurice Sendak while continuing the lasting legacy he created over his long, illustrious career. Sendak's tribute to his brother is an expression of both grief and love and will resonate with his lifelong fans who may have read his children's books and will be ecstatic to discover something for them now. Pulitzer Prize-winning literary critic and Shakespearean scholar Stephen Greenblatt contributes a moving introduction.

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Starred Review In his foreword, Shakespeare scholar Stephen Greenblatt describes Sendak's last, posthumously published book as "something rich and strange." And so it is. Combining lushly beautiful art in the manner of Blake and Fuseli with a text reconfigured from Shakespeare's *Winter's Tale*, Sendak's richly imagined book offers a magical and mysterious tribute to his beloved older brother, Jack, who died in 1995. The story follows the respective plights of two brothers, Jack and Guy, who are seemingly separated by a new star smashing into the earth. Jack is catapulted into a continent of ice and is stuck fast in water like a

stone.â • Guy, meanwhile, is plunged into the dangerous lair of a bear that threatens to consume him. Will the brothers survive to be reunited in love and peace? Distinguished by its pervasive sense of longing and informed by extraordinary artâ "some of Sendakâ ™s most beautifulâ "My Brotherâ ™s Book is a celebration of the enduring love of two brothers. Oneâ ™s first impulse is to marvel at the exquisite art and then to turn to the Shakespearean text to understand how the two seemingly disparate elements harmonize. Inviting reading and rereading, Sendakâ ™s tribute to his brother is also a final tribute to his own genius. HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY: Is there a childrenâ ™s author whose name has been more enduring and recognizable than the late Sendakâ ™s? Grades 10-12. --Michael Cart

The sharply felt humor and yearning that infuse both the verbal and visual narratives will kindle profound emotional responses in hearts of any age. (Kirkus Reviews (starred review))Distinguished by its pervasive sense of longing and informed by extraordinary artâ "some of Sendakâ ™s most beautifulâ "My Brotherâ ™s Book is a celebration of the enduring love of two brothers. Inviting reading and rereading, Sendakâ ™s tribute to his brother is also a final tribute to his own genius. (Booklist (starred review))To read this intensely private work is to look over the artistâ ™s shoulder as he crafts his own afterworld, a place where he lies in silent embrace with those he loves forever. (Publishers Weekly (starred review))

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