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## **Editorial Review**

From School Library Journal

Gr 4–7—Somewhere close, sometime soon, war is coming. Twelve-year-old Peter and his fox, Pax, are forced apart by a father whose noble intentions have devastating results. When Peter's father enlists in the military, he pressures Peter to return Pax to the wild, while Peter is sent 300 miles away to live with his grandfather. Almost immediately, Peter realizes his grave mistake and knows he must get home to Pax. Both boy and fox rely on the kindness of strangers to survive: for Peter, an acerbic veteran with post-traumatic stress disorder; for Pax, a pair of orphan siblings. Pennypacker creates a viscerally affecting story of the impossible nature of war—"Do you think anyone in the history of this world ever set out to fight for the wrong side?"—and the inescapable consequences that befall the youngest and smallest in the wake of death and destruction. The simple title, beyond the name, proves to be an undeniable prayer for peace. Michael Curran-Dorsano's gentle narration, infused with just the right emotional vibrato, magnifies Pennypacker's extraordinary tale with immediacy and impact. VERDICT A must-have for all libraries serving middle grade students. ["With spare, lyrical prose, Pennypacker manages to infuse this tearjerker with a tender hope, showing that peace and love can require just as much sacrifice as war": SLJ 12/15 starred review of the Balzer + Bray book.]—Terry Hong, Smithsonian BookDragon, Washington, DC

Review

"Pax the book is like Pax the fox: half wild and wholly beautiful." (New York Times Book Review)

"Moving and poetic." (Kirkus Reviews (starred review))

"Pennypacker's expert, evenhanded storytelling reveals stunning depth in a relatively small package." (Booklist (starred review))

"In an exceptionally powerful, if grim story, Pennypacker does a remarkable job of conveying the gritty perspective of a sheltered animal that must instantly learn to live in the wild." (Publishers Weekly (starred review))

"A startling work of fiction that should be read-and discussed-by children and adults alike." (School Library Journal (starred review))

"An emotional, thought-provoking story of conflict, loyalty, and love." (The Horn Book)

"Sometimes an author steps aside from a popular series to break new ground, as evidenced in this arresting novel, at once a wilderness adventure about survival and a philosophical foray into big questions." (San Francisco Chronicle)

"Pennypacker's elegant language and insight into human nature spin a fable extolling empathy above all. By the novel's poignant ending, Pennypacker has gently made the case that all of us should aspire to that view—children and adults alike." (Time magazine)

"Searingly honest and heartbreakingly lovely, Pax is, quite simply, a masterpiece." (Katherine Applegate, Newbery Award-winning author of *The One and Only Ivan*)

"A sweeping and enchanting wartime story of trust, loyalty, betrayal, and the love of a boy for the fox he's

raised since he was a kit. A master storyteller, Pennypacker leads the reader along a path of shifting hopes to the story's heart-wrenching conclusion." (Ann M. Martin, Newbery Honoree, author of *Rain Reign*)

"Pax is set in an unspecified time and place so that the details of the war are unimportant. What is prime is the graceful but haunting story of boy and fox—their relationship set against man-made chaos." (Columbus Dispatch)

"Both boy and fox experience the kindness of others even with the backdrop of imminent war."  
Recommended 2016 Holiday Gift for Tween Readers (Brightly.com)

"A book that is as much about dealing with loss as it is about how people change and affect the world around them." An Entertainment Weekly Best Middle Grade Book of 2016 (Entertainment Weekly)

### About the Author

Sara Pennypacker is the author of the award-winning, *New York Times* bestselling Clementine series, the acclaimed novel *Summer of the Gypsy Moths*, and the picture books *Meet the Dullards*, *Pierre in Love*, and *Sparrow Girl*. She divides her time between Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and Florida. You can visit her online at [www.sarapennypacker.com](http://www.sarapennypacker.com).

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