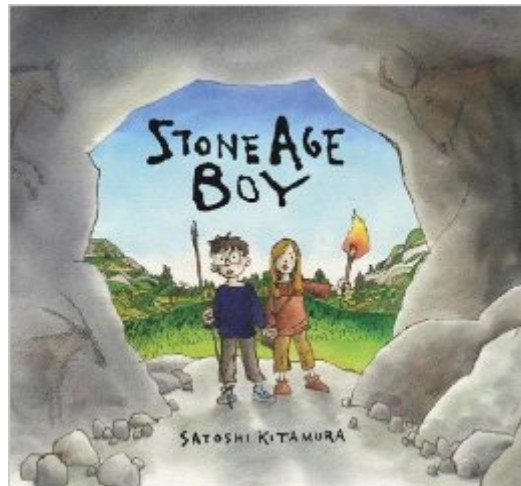


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# Stone Age Boy



## Synopsis

Step back 15,000 years as a modern boy enters a Stone Age village and learns a few prehistoric tricks of the trade. One day a boy falls down a hole, and an amazing thing happens — when he wakes, he finds himself in a camp full of people wearing animal skins! Mixing flight of fancy with prehistoric facts, Satoshi Kitamura ushers us back to a time of surprising innovation and artistic expression, shown in cave paintings visible to this day.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

My three year-old daughter received this book as a gift. She LOVES it! The book tells the story of a boy who finds himself in prehistoric times. The boy befriends a little girl named Om, who becomes his guide. Om and her family/tribe teach the boy about making tools, cooking with fire, cave paintings... when the "Stone Age Boy" returns to the present day, he grows up to become an archeologist, always looking for traces of Om and her people. This book is fantastic because it teaches a lot, without being "lesson-y." The story is simple, the illustration is beautiful... and, it is seriously "gender neutral." Great for boys AND girls! I highly recommend it for any child between the ages of 2 and probably 6 or so. I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw the price on this book. What a steal! I bought copies for my daughter's teacher, and for her friends' birthdays. Buy this book - your kid(s) will love it!

Like another reviewer, we picked this up by chance at the library. My daughter- four years old next month- was hooked from the first reading. It is a simple story written quite straightforward, and the illustrations are simple and fantastic, which is perfect for young minds being introduced to big concepts like time, and history, and archeology. But it also manages to invite little minds to think about what is already familiar to them, like "making things", in a more sophisticated way (like making tools out of found materials to make other things which serve practical purposes for the group). It also gives them a way to look at "work" from a family/community perspective, which is difficult to get in books that four year olds can grasp. We went to the American Museum of Natural History and were able to discuss things we saw in the exhibit (having to do with tribal living in North America) on a WHOLE NEW LEVEL after reading this book just twice at the time. I am surprised there aren't many, many more positive reviews about this book. Word must not be out yet. I am now looking for others like it, if indeed there be any. ;)

I picked this up by chance at the library. My 5 & 7 yr old boys absolutely love this book, as do I! It is about a boy who trips and falls into a hole. He wakes up in the stone age where he meets a little girl the same age. There he learns about how they lived: how to make tools, how they hunted, how they cooked, how they worked as a community. It is filled with information, yet a quick, fun read. The ending is cute, when he wakes up back home he says everyone tells him it was a dream, but then there is a cute little 'clue' the author refers back to to make you wonder...! We have read it so many times, my oldest asked me if we could just go buy our own copy. My youngest has asked to bring it in to share at school. Boy or girl, get this, you really won't be disappointed.

This book is really interesting, my daughter found it at her gymnastics center, we read it every time when we visited there, and my daughter even found a hidden clue, she found adult Om in today's world, we do like this story and the open ending, so decided to buy one and it's nice to have!

I adore Satoshi Kitamura's books. My six year old daughter's favorite is The Comic Adventures of Boots. I like this one the best because you really learn a lot about life in the Stone Age, and the story has a surprise ending. While I was able to find Kitamura's books in California libraries, his work is sadly unavailable in my current location, Montgomery County, MD. I will continue to order his books from the UK, but I wish his work was more readily available in the United States.

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