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Quarterly Review of Children's and Young Adults' Books

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Illustrator

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Reviewer

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Book Review: GRANDPA IS HERE!

Tanya Rosie's sweet first-person story, *GRANDPA IS HERE!*, describes the experience of a young girl who eagerly awaits her grandpa's arrival at the airport and then shows him all her favorite places. Immersed in sensory descriptions and narrated from the perspective of the little girl, this story is a joyful celebration of the connection between family members and how quickly that connection is renewed after long absences.

Rosie uses short phrases with rhyming structures to carry the lilting narration forward, and Chuck Groenink's illustrations seamlessly pair with the text to make a synergistic whole. The illustrations are warm and evocative, filled with emotion and detail. From the girl's shy body language clearly depicted in the beginning to the distinct facial expressions throughout the book, the illustrations both support and expand upon the text to make the characters come alive.

This beautiful picture book is recommended for libraries of all types.

