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This is a curious picture book about a fruit bat, separated from its mother, who is adopted by a family of birds. The text is, at turns, affectedly lyrical and straightforwardly twee: the fruit bat is Stلالuna; the baby birds are Pip, Flitter and Flap. The illustrations are meant to be charming and striking but are self consciously posed, like studio photographs. The foreground is bathed in light and the background disappears. You have no idea that the bat lives in a tropical or semi-tropical environment (as the 'Bat notes' at the back say it does). And what are these (dull grey) tropical birds? The book may appeal to pre-school and infant children but I feel the production is calculated more to impress their doting parents (and the reviewers from the Sunday papers quoted on the cover).

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