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## Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review
To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the publication of L. Frank Baum's *The Wizard of Oz*, master paper engineer Robert Sabuda has created a pop-up version of Dorothy's adventures in Oz that fans will find hard to resist. Modeling his depictions of Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tin Woodman, and the rest after W. W. Denslow's original art, Sabuda adds a third dimension that would have rocked Denslow's--and Baum's--world. A rapidly spinning cyclone actually casts a breeze over the startled reader's face. Glorious red poppies wave seductively in a field. And the Emerald City positively glitters with green, especially when young readers try on the special tinted "Spectacles for You" provided in a pocket on the page. The abridged text, provided in minibooklets set onto each page, covers enough basics for the Oz novice, but we recommend a read-aloud of the original, as well, for all the glory and detail of Baum's fantastic tale. Sabuda's homage to the classic is truly spectacular; even purists will gasp in delight at the sight of the humbug wizard floating away in his shiny green, gold, and blue hot-air balloon. This great introduction to the story of Oz doubles as a fun collector's item. (Ages 3 to 7) --*Emilie Coulter*

From Publishers Weekly
Viennese illustrator and Hans Christian Andersen Medalist Lisbeth Zwerger takes a fresh look at L. Frank Baum's The Wizard of Oz in a large-format edition. Zwerger's fantastical, delicate, eccentric illustrations bear no resemblance to the vision of the movie; they make the classic tale new again. And readers can view the Emerald City through a pair of green-tinted glasses, provided in the back of the book.
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From School Library Journal
Gr all levels-Follow the yellow brick road into L. Frank Baum's timeless story of adventure, friendship, and longing as Dorothy and her beloved Toto are dropped by a cyclone into a magical land. There they meet the well-known Munchkins, Scarecrow, Tin Woodman, and Cowardly Lion. Dorothy, Toto, and her new friends embark on a fascinating journey. They come upon the beastly Kalidahs, helpful field mice, their beautiful queen, Winkies, and the famed winged monkeys. The story of Dorothy's quest for the mysterious Wizard of Oz and the way home to Kansas is read by actress and author Brooke Shields. Her narration is perfectly paired with the lyrical prose of the enduring story. She invokes a seemingly endless number of spot-on voices for the charming, mysterious, and sometimes evil characters. Shields's interpretation of the Scarecrow is particularly endearing. Special touches include Paul Rudd reading Baum's original introduction to the story and brief musical interludes that begin some chapters. The CD case features a line-and-wash illustration by Brian Floca in which Toto peeks at listeners while the others' eyes are set on the yellow bricks ahead. Listeners of all ages will enjoy this creative narration of an American classic.-Jane Newschwander, Arlington School District, VTα(c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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