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I know of no other author/illustrator who can create such endearing characters in a totally realistic style, and work such magic with simple domestic stories as can Shirley Hughes. Her newest character is Alfie who, in his eagerness to be first home, manages to get locked inside his house with Mum and baby sister Annie Rose outside. Poor Alfie is very upset; his distress is so touchingly portrayed one feels the urge to pick him up and comfort him, but in the end it is Alfie himself who effects the rescue and not the anxious and willing helpers who come to mum's aid.

The book is ingeniously designed, clever use being made of the gutter which forms the front door and separates the inside and outside stories, and heightens the reader's enjoyment since only s/he knows what is going on on both sides of the door. Everyone will want to linger long over the pictures, savouring the details and delicious touches which abound on every page.

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