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From School Library Journal PreSchool-K-This lovely picture book combines beautiful artwork and a seamless, thoughtful The house that Jack built style to tell the story of the Nativity. The rhyme is sweet but never forced. Bettoli uses a mixture of pastels, primary colors, and earth tones to create pictures that are bright and imbued with fanciful elements such as winglike clouds and a face in the star of Bethlehem. A sense of place is well established by sand dunes, desert shrubs, and palm trees. The variety of animals and the multiethnic cast of people and angels are all rendered with lifelike energy and expression. A gentle, comforting selection.-*Linda Israelson, Los Angeles Public Library*
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From "This is the stable, dusty and brown, in a quiet corner of Bethlehem town" begins this slim, attractive retelling of the Nativity. Written in repetitive phrases and rhythms reminiscent of "This Is

the House That Jack Built," the book's brief couplets introduce each part of the story--the manger, the watchful animals, the holy family--always returning to the refrain of the "quiet stable." The rhymes feel a bit forced in a few of the couplets: "This is the mother, her manner so mild, singing and rocking her newborn child," for example. But the pace is just right for participatory read-alouds, and Bettoli's attractively patterned, gem-colored paintings amplify the sense of devotion and joy in scenes of winged angels and stars beaming love and light. Like Rhonda Gowler Greene's *The Stable Where Jesus Was Born* (1999), this is a good choice for larger collections. *Gillian Engberg*
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