

# Teeny the Titmouse: Window Worries



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This is Teeny, a black-crested titmouse.

She loves to fly!

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Wow! What pretty lights!

Teeny wants a closer look.



A little girl finds Teeny.

It looks like she wants to help.



"Look! We can put stickers on the window!"



"That way you'll see the glass better!"

Goodbye, Teeny!



Be careful!

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The reason I chose to use Tumblr for this project is that I thought it would be interesting to compare the way that a bird can be characterized/humanized/personified through different forms of media. For the other section of our project, we made a children's book where a Mexican Titmouse was personified but in a much simpler way to do the intended audience and the medium we chose to use. I thought that using Tumblr (or any social media, really) would help people to connect with the Mexican Titmouse. I also decided to use Tumblr because I used to spend a lot of time on it. A lot of this section of the project is based on discourse I have seen on Tumblr. I'm also a communications minor so I have a lot of interest in different forms of communication and mediums of communication.

This is what good representation looks like by the way. This is one of the first if not the *only* children's book I've seen where Mexican Titmouse are represented correctly and drawn correctly. We are NOT the same species as all other Titmouse species! We deserve to have our own stories! It's really cool to see myself within a story like this. I'm glad that people who are younger than me will have the representation that I should have had as a child.



flying-whatever



Dude what? There are so many books about Titmice. It's a cool book but its literally about Titmice flying into windows which is such a harmful stereotype!



bird-brained-actually



1. \*Titmouses.
2. The way this is your only reblog is insane.
3. Its a *children's book* there has to be a simple plot. Its supposed to teach young Titmouse children that there is a danger with flying into windows. Its a real thing. It happens to us all the time as well as to other bird species.
4. BOOOO :(

While I can't speak for Crested Titmouses, I hope that the book that our group created is a good representation. This post speaks to a personal sentiment that I have about a lot of new queer media, especially that is meant for children, even if it isn't the best it's *something* and that's more than I had a lot of the time. I think that stereotypes can be harmful and they should be spoken about but it's more important for the groups that they are harming to speak about them and whether or not they consider them to be harmful. I also could not find a 100% concrete answer on whether or not the plural of Titmouse is Titmice or Titmouses.



flying-whatever



1. You didn't need to make a list.
2. You obviously don't know what you're talking about.
3. This has nothing to do with you.



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I included this last portion to reflect current social media and the way that people will argue with someone over a post that they didn't clearly comprehend. Unfortunately, functional and media literacy are on a downfall in the United States and it is noticeable often.

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