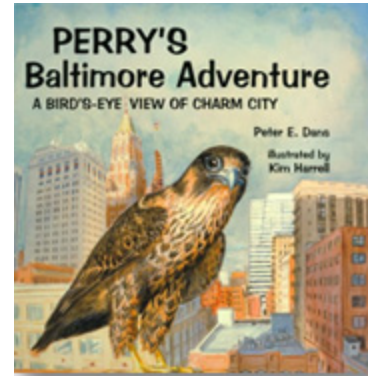


Perry's Baltimore Adventure

A Bird's-Eye View of Charm City

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Perry did everything he was told. He ate all his food, took his naps, and did flying exercises so he would be strong enough for his trip. He hopped around and flapped his wings for ten minutes at a time. Sometimes, he would be up in the air for a few seconds, almost flying. Perry was causing such a commotion in the nest that his mother said he should do his exercises on the building's ledge. She told him to be careful not to fall off, but one day while Perry was practicing how to land, he skidded off the ledge.

Perry flapped his wings as fast as he could. He fell more than a hundred feet before he was able to gain control and fly to the ledge of a nearby building. Scarlett watched Perry land safely. She flew over to him and then followed him back to the nest.

When Beauregard returned with food for dinner, Scarlett told him what had happened. They agreed that it was time to keep their promise to Perry and take him on a tour of Charm City. So the next morning Beauregard and Perry said good-bye to the rest of the family and set out on their adventure.