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Book Reviews

Florida Authors are becoming Famous

by Meribeth C. Shank

Miss Pistachio's Big Day
by Miriam Rutland

As she gets ready for the first day of the new school year, much-loved kindergarten teacher Miss Pistachio prepares her breakfast tea and toast with homemade marmalade. The bright illustrations distinguish the 32-year veteran with her "gleaming silver hair" in a bun, wearing green (for pistachio) clothing and driving an identifying green car. Her classroom features fresh pencils, new name labels, and bright bulletin boards. She has even brought an extra sandwich for a child who has forgotten his lunch money. Miriam Rutland's first book is a tribute, not only to the memory of her grandmother, but pays homage to teachers everywhere. Especially kindergarten teachers, who put in long hours, do not sit on the teacher's bench while the children play, and end the day with a cup of tea and tomorrow's lesson plans. Illustrated by Zoë Farmer. Paul Mould Publishing, \$14.00, All Ages.

