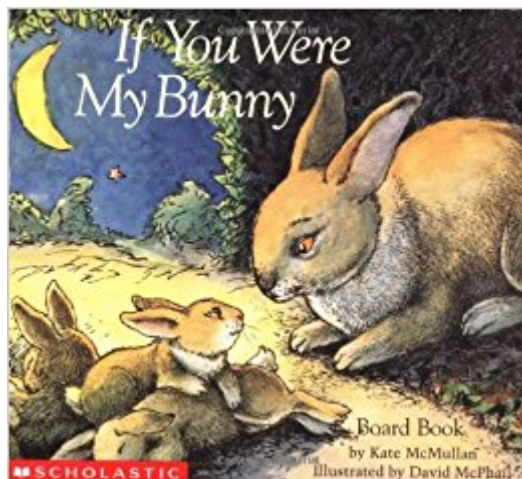


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If You Were My Bunny



Synopsis

Now available as a board book, this best-selling bedtime favorite is an adorable expression of mothers' love.

Book Information

Lexile Measure: NP (What's this?)

Board book: 26 pages

Publisher: Cartwheel; Brdbk edition (March 1, 1998)

Language: English

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Product Dimensions: 0.8 x 5 x 6.2 inches

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Age Range: 2 - 3 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

Customer Reviews

Ages 3⁺-5. The sweet, soothing sounds of a mother's words come through loud and clear in this small book. A mother rabbit tells her little ones that she could pick them out from all the other babies, and she sings a bunny version of "Hush, Little Baby," with lines like "if that carrot top should wilt, / Mama's going to bring you a clover quilt." Then a bear, a cat, a duck, a dog, and finally a human mother tell their children how much they love them. McMullan's clever use of familiar songs ("Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and "Rock-a-bye Baby," among others) adds to the charm of this child pleaser. So do McPhail's pictures, which, though occasionally stiffly executed, are full of tenderness and love. A cuddlesome bedtime choice. Ilene Cooper --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Familiar lullabies are given a twist by McMullan (Hey, Pipsqueak!, 1995, etc.) in a work that serves as a missing link between board books and more lavish picture books. A bunny, a bear cub, a kitten, a duckling, and a puppy are given a few pages each to be gathered in by their mothers as the

day comes to a close, then sung to sleep. Bear whuffles a "Sleep, Baby, Sleep" variation, Rabbit warbles her version of "Hush, Little Baby," and so on. It's all very sweet: "Dearest duckling, close your eyes, crickets chirp your lullabies" to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" and "Dream time, my kitten" to the melody of "Rock-a-Bye Baby." McPhail adds notes of suspense with bolts of lightning and sickle moons. The book begins with "If you were my bunny and I were your mama, I'd pick you out from all the other bunnies and nestle you beside me"; fittingly, therefore, the volume is dedicated in part to "M.W.B." (Picture book. 2-4) -- Copyright ©1996, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

My favorite children's book! This book has lovely pictures and poems that correspond to children's songs such as Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, substituting the traditional words with words meant to encourage the baby animals- bunnies, ducks, bears, etc. So you can sing the tune to the new words. I give this book to every new baby in our family and friends.

When my daughter was young we were constantly renewing a copy of it from our local library as it was one of her favorites. Now as she is in her late teenage years she wanted a copy of her own that she could have to read to her children when she had them later in life. It is a nice hard copy book and easy for little hands to hold, which was written in the tune of twinkle twinkle little star.

I found a copy of this book while I was pregnant and just picked it up without really looking at it. What wonderful luck as this has been one of our absolute favorites (which says a lot, considering that we easily have over 200 children's books)! We've even had to replace it because we literally wore it out!! I've read this book to my daughter literally since the day she was born. I'm the "singer" in our family and this book is perfect, with its combination of prose and song. It's one of our favorite bonding activities. Now, at age two and a half, my daughter "reads" the book herself, singing the little songs. In response to others who say that this book perpetuates the concept that only mothers love their children, I have to disagree. This book simply focuses on a mother's love. The song about the ducks specifically mentions that Daddy is near, protecting the family. In our family, we have an equal number of books that focus on a father's love as those that focus on a mother's love. This book happens to be one of the books that my daughter asks for on the nights I read her a bedtime story; on the nights that my husband is the storyteller, she tends to choose one of the daddy books. Don't fault the book for having a focus; instead, build a balanced library for your children. We are particularly fond of "Guess How Much I Love You" to show a father's love. If you enjoy singing to

your child and want an excellent addition to your bedtime ritual, get this book. You won't regret it.

Wonderful for kids

This is my all time favorite book for babies. The modified songs truly help to appreciate how mommies just love their babies--whether they are bunnies, puppies, kittens, or cubs! I loved singing the songs to my boys every night.

A bedtime favorite... super sweet and familiar.

My grandkids loved me to read this book to them because it contains songs (to well known tunes) that expressed my love for them. I bought this copy for a friend for her grandchild. I highly recommend it for anyone who wants to read a loving story to a child they love.

We were given this book originally when my oldest, who is now 18, was young. It was a favorite with her. She even sang one of the songs on stage one time when she was about 4. It can be read, but we sang the lullabies. My other daughters (except one who didn't like me singing to her at all), have all loved this book. This one was purchased as a gift.

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