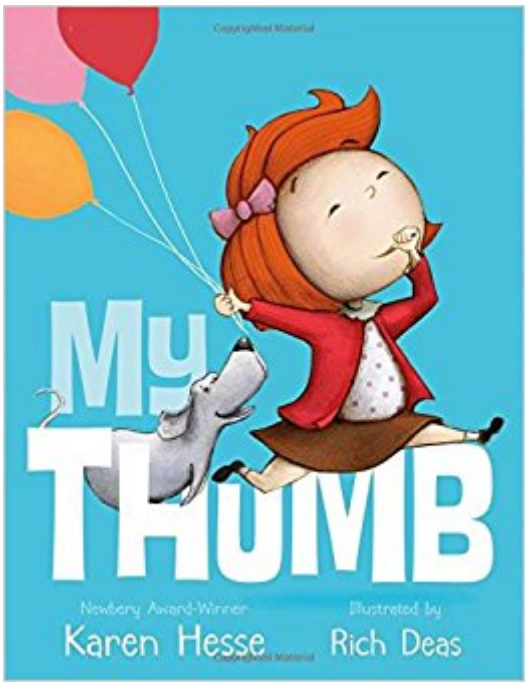
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Synopsis

I love my thumb, I truly do,it tastes of pears and carrot stew.It’s like a hug, an "I love you."My mom hoped in a year or twothere’d be some things that I outgrew,and some I have, but never you.Kids who suck their thumbs know there’s nothing better. NOTHING! Here is a fun picture book ode to the thumb by Newbery Medalist Karen Hesse, with art by Feiwel and Friends Creative Director Rich Deas.

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Customer Reviews

PreSÃ¢â ¬â •What’s a girl to do? Her mum would love for her to stop sucking her thumbÃ¢â ¬â •but as the ginger-haired child attests, "I love my thumb, I truly do./It tastes of pears and carrot stew./It’s like a hug, an ’I love you.’" As she leaps across a spread with balloons and her faithful pup at her side, the nameless preschooler acknowledges some difficulties that she experiences when glued to her thumb. Delicate illustrations washed with softly hued colors allow the girl and her red cardigan to easily stand out on each page. Young readers will empathize with the main character as she lists in poetic rhyme the pros and cons of sucking her thumb. A spread of a multicultural cast of characters at storytime subtly showcases bottles, dolls, binkies, blankets, and other soothing objects being employed as the class listens intently. The story ends with the girl in the bath before bed as she concludes, "I love my thumb. It’s true, I do,/its soggy, wrinkled,

half-baked hue,/its scent of O’s and honeydew./If it were yours, you’d love it too." VERDICT An engaging and useful selection for early learning collections.Ã¢â ¬â •Lisa Kropp, Lindenhurst Memorial Library, NY

"HesseÃ¢â ¬â„¢s redheaded narrator begins and ends this book as an unrepentant thumb sucker, but itÃ¢â ¬â„¢s her very intransigence that makes this tribute to the First Digit so refreshing. Even if there are hints that she wonÃ¢â ¬â„¢t be a thumb sucker forever (Ã¢â ¬Å“You make it hard to run,/ and beat a drum,/ and eat a plumÃ¢â ¬Â•), this is a girl who knows what she wants." - Publishers Weekly

The narrator is in love with her thumbÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ as much as others might think she should give it up, itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s not going to happen!I was skeptical of this book because, without wanting to start a huge debate, IÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢m not a fan of thumb-sucking. I used a pacifier as a baby, my kids did, and I will freely admit to a tiny bias against #teamthumb. Not going to fight over it, but there it is. However, this little girl is so earnest and the text is done in such a light-hearted way, I canÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t be angry with her or her parents. ItÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s just downright cute.The rhyme in this book is done really well. Not every line is perfect, but since itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s told in first person, the cadence and emotion in the lines makes up for any little gaps in meter. ThereÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s definitely a ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“Dr. SeussÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• vibe, but it’s not sing-songy and totally works. The word choice is fun ("It tastes of pears and carrot stew") and flows really nicely. I’m not thrilled about the idea of encouraging thumb-sucking...but if any book could convince me, this comes close.

Excellent rhyming verse and the story is thoughtful and fun. So many kids suck their thumbs which comforts them way beyond anything else. This is the fun story of why thumb is so wonderful from a child’s POV.I think it would have been nice at the end to put ins a couple of facts about long term effects of thumb sucking such as buck teeth or an overbite caused by thumb sucking for too long.Written by karen Hesse, illustrated by Rich Deas and published by Feiwel & Friends.#PB #thumbsucking

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