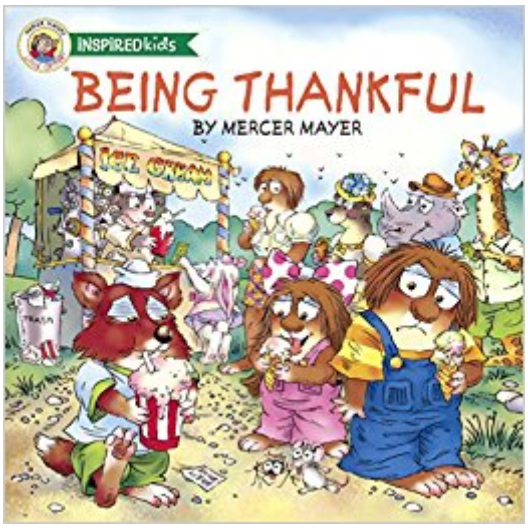
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Synopsis

FOR USE IN SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES ONLY. In Being Thankful, Little Critter isn’t gettinganything he wants. Gator gets cool brand-new sneakers, while Little Critter is stuck with his boring blue ones. Tiger?s dad has a boat-but not Little Critter?s dad. And even at the ice cream shop, Little Critter can?t enjoy his chocolate ice cream cone because he would rather have a huge ice cream sundae instead. But on a trip to the farm, Grandma shows Little Critter why thankfulness is so important and helps make any situation seem so much happier.

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Customer Reviews

Mercer Mayer is the writer and illustrator for Little Monster(R) and Little Critter(R) books. He began writing and illustrating children’s books in 1966 and since that time, he has published over 300 titles. Mayer currently lives in New England with his wife Gina, who co-wrote many of the popular Little Critter(R) books. He has four children and two grandchildren. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

I really like the Inspired Kids collection with Little Critter. All these books offer a moral lesson for children in a way that is easy for them to understand and refer to. The pictures as always are just beautiful. In this story, Little Critter wishes he has things other kids have or things that he thinks are

better than his. He wants to go to the movies instead of having a movie night at home with his family. He wants to go to a restaurant instead of eating at home. His father tells him that a lot of people would love to have what he has and he has to be thankful for what he has. This is a good way to put things in perspective. Well, telling is not as effective as showing, so Little Critter continues to wish for more things. What I did not like was when Little Critter was mad at his sister for knocking his ice cream down and Little Critter said he wished he had a big brother instead of a dumb little sister. I did not like the use of the word "dumb", though I know some kids will actually say this. My daughter, being the "little sister" in the family, took it to heart. I think such words are unnecessary in books like this. Also, when his mom told him to say he’s sorry, he did not reply or apologize to his sister.Other than that, I liked the book, but I will be editing that word from now on, though my daughter already knows it’s there.Finally, Little Critter visits the farm and sees how happy and content the animals are with the food they have. So he goes home with a new perspective and even teaches his sister to be appreciative as well. That’s all :) Gotta love Little Critter.

Continuing the tradition of reading Little Critter to each new generation, I acquired this book after realizing our old copy had gone missing from our collection.This book is somewhat old, and may offend some by its "traditional" or previous American standards. That is to say, whenever Mayer writes about spending time with the father Critter it’s usually about sports or the great outdoors; whenever it’s about the mom it’s usually shopping or cooking or cleaning. So that’s a caveat to the modern reader.These things never bothered me as a kid; I don’t think I even realized them. As adults, of course we pay more attention to these things, but recall that it’s a pretty old book with older standards in mind.With that for thought, this book like other Mayer-exclusives where the artwork is simply outstanding and the text and word usage is age-appropriate. My daughter never sits still, though, and loves to nab the book from my hands and pore through the pages herself.The books these days are thinner than my older copies--obviously a reduction in material quality. They still hold up through my daughter’s forced page-turns, so no worries there.For every book we’re missing from our LC collection, she (and our subsequent children) will receive one for each holiday and birthday. When my siblings have their own children, the library will be passed down until our grandchildren, and hopefully their children thereafter.

I didn’t realize this was a Critter book for older kids. I love the simpler Critter books for my toddlers. I grew up reading those as a child and I like to buy them for the holidays. This one has a lot of writing

so we won’t be using it for several years. My daughter doesn’t have a long enough attention span for this one. Now I know not to buy the "Inspired Kids" books.

Little Critter’s stories are generally not very religious and I’m not very religious myself, but this story does have religious undertones, mention of God and even a mention of a passage in the Bible on the inside of the book. With that said, I didn’t find it overly religious or anything and the actual story and lesson is a very important one to teach children regarding being grateful for what we have instead of what we don’t.

I bought a bunch of these for different family members. Can’t beat the price! I liked the themes and context....Grandpa, Dad, Grandma, etc. But they’re very thin, lower quality paper. I guess that’s reflected in the price. They don’t have many pages, stores I very short and the illustrations are often very very busy. Almost to the point that my son has a hard time focusing on the story. So for us, they weren’t a good fit. There arew better books where he can learn more and we can still tell a good story before bedtime.

Okay, I lied. I don’t really personally like this book. I love the Little Critter series, but this wasn’t a great fit for me and my son, just because of the activities they do. It’s pretty stereotypical things you would do with you mom. So, for most people, this is probably awesome. For a single mom who is fairly outdoorsy or doesn’t like shopping or "girly" things in the big city, meh- maybe not what you are looking for.

As a Mom, I read this book over and over to my sons. They loves it and so did I. My grandson now enjoys Mercer Mayer books. They are clever, smart, easy to understand and with the original illustrations, you can’t go wrong. Wonderful tales.

Mercer Mayer are classic tales that touch your child’s heart. Easy for them to understand, creative in message and all around one of the best children’s authors I’ve come across! This one, Being Thankful, is especially touching with a smather of humor.

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