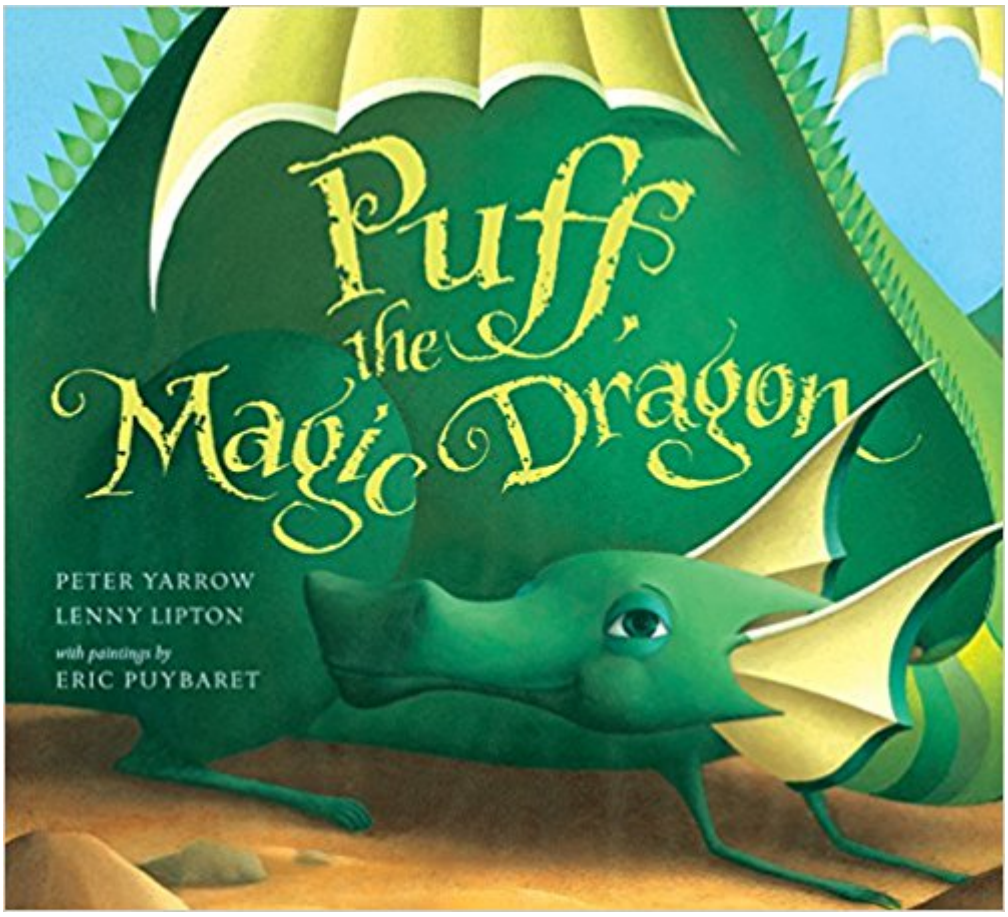
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Synopsis

Ã¢â ¬Å“Puff has appeared to me both childlike and wise, a king but also a willing follower of just about any bright spirit that inspired him. Puff gives his whole heart and soul to one special friendÃ¢â ¬Â¦One day, as you can see at the end of this book, a new and special friend comes to HonaleeÃ¢â ¬Â¦In this way Puff and JackieÃ¢â ¬â„¢s friendship continues through new children like you.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã Â Ã Â Ã¢â ¬â •Peter Yarrow Puff, the Magic Dragon is simply one of the most beloved songs of all timeÃ¢â ¬â •a classic thatÃ¢â ¬â„¢s become as much a part of the childhood experience as Mother Goose and fairy tales. Yet singer/songwriter Peter Yarrow and co-composer Lenny Lipton have never allowed a picture book adaptation of this magical taleÃ¢â ¬Â¦until now. With YarrowÃ¢â ¬â„¢s and LiptonÃ¢â ¬â„¢s blessing, Puff, Jackie Paper, and the land of Honalee finally live on the page. The exquisite package includes a cloth case with a tipped-in illustration and an embossed jacket with foil touches, as well as an exclusive CD featuring not only Puff, but several other songs performed by Yarrow, his daughter Bethany, and cellist Rufus Cappadocia. This is a publishing event sure to attract broad attention and please PuffÃ¢â ¬â„¢s many fans. Ã Â In richly-hued paintings of the deepest sea blues and greens, Puff and his friend Jackie Paper frolic in the land of HonaleeÃ¢â ¬â •traveling in a fantastic boat with billowed sails, climbing red castle stairs onto a balcony to meet with noble kings and princes, and watching pirate ships lower their flags for the roaring dragon. Artist Eric Puybaret has brought an entire magical world into being with enthralling landscapes, color, and characters. And everyone will love the way the art cleverly turns the songÃ¢â ¬â„¢s end, which at first seemed so sad, into a surprising and joyful moment. Best of allÃ¢â ¬â •this is only the first of many more collaborations with Peter Yarrow to come!

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In 1959, Peter Yarrow and Lenny Lipton co-created the timeless and beloved song "Puff, the Magic Dragon." Peter YarrowÃ¢â ¬â„¢s career has spanned more than four decades. As a member of the renowned trio, Peter, Paul, & Mary, he has earned many gold and platinum awards and numerous Grammys, as well as an Emmy nomination for his animated TV specials based on "Puff, the Magic Dragon." Among the many honors bestowed upon him, Yarrow is most proud of the Allard K. Lowenstein Award, which he received in 1982 for advancing the causes of human rights, peace, and freedom. Today, he frequently uses his musical and other artistic gifts to convey a message of humanity and caring. In an effort to combat school violence, Yarrow started Operation Respect in 2000, a program that teaches tolerance and respect to children in schools and camps. Lenny Lipton is the inventor of the modern 3D projection system used in cinemas worldwide. He is the author of four books on motion picture technology and received an award from the Smithsonian for his invention. Eric Puybaret was born in France, and graduated from the Ecole Nationale

SupÃƒÂ©rieure des Arts DÃƒÂ©coratifs in Paris. Puff, the Magic Dragon was his first American book, and he also illustrated Sterling's The Nutcracker, written by John Cech.

It is stunning! Beautiful engineered. Loved the previous version without the pop-up and now this just makes it more fanciful and exciting. The pop-up really works well for these illustrations and it is more durable than most pop-ups I've seen. This is not a story based on the song, it is part of the actual lyrics. This book is about the visual impact and giving color and character to the song. The pop-ups are NOT interactive and this would be the only thing I could imagine would improve it.It comes with a CD. There are 4 tracks. 1) "Puff, the Magic Dragon" with vocals. It is a very nice duet with simple instrumentation. 2) "Froggy Went a Court'n". 3) "The Blue Tail Fly". 4) "Puff, the Magic Dragon" Instrumental- very pretty.Also comes with a Puff app. I don't have a Smart Phone, so I have no comment.

I'm giving this 5 stars because the board book is well produced, graphics were great and there's nothing really to critique if it's a story you wanted to read to the child(ren) in your life.I, however, don't have any children and found myself with a 'deer-in-head's light' scramble after my first nephew was born. Despite the 9 months of celebration and planning, the day he was born I realized I forgot to buy books to him - to the rescue! :) I purchased a lot of books, my family strongly believes in reading to children several times a day, and encouraging their love of books, but I wish I hadn't purchased this. When rushing about to purchase books, I thought back on books that I had enjoyable memories and this was one of them. Yet as I held my nephew on my lap and read it to him, I realized quite quickly (it's a very short story) how sad the story actually was! Also, for those of us that remember the song of this tale it does seem to lose something in the reading of the book vs. the story.To wrap up, this is a well produced & beautiful copy of the story if it's one that you want to share with your children. Just take a second to remember the full story and make sure it's something you actually want to read them.Happy Reading!! :)

My 33 month old granddaughter absolutely loves this book. We read it over and over and the CD never stops playing in our car. She has almost learned all the lyrics and sings along each time.The illustrations are beautiful and I especially like the fact that it offers a happy ending for Puff with his new friend. Altogether a great purchase!

Very happy with this book and CD combo. (The CD is perfect especially when your child insists you

sing rather than read the story to them lol). It made the perfect compliment to the Puff the Magic Dragon jack in the box my daughter saw, fell in love with, and had to have. I will definitely keep this gift combo idea in mind for future recipients. The graphics are beautiful and the hard cover book is great quality.

If you want to indoctrinate your child into a treasured song from your own childhood, you can’t go wrong with this combination storybook and CD! My 3-year-old is into dragons, so I ordered this book and we read it at least once a week. My son gets really sad when "Jackie Paper came no more." The book illustrations fix that situation, model friendship and hope in the process, and really help him enjoy the story. The song is now one of his top two favorites. We played it nearly non-stop for 3 weeks in the car and sing it at bedtime often. He likes phrases like "that rascal Puff" and "noble kings and princes." For my part, I enjoy knowing that Peter Yarrow’s daughter accompanies him on the songs. She has a wonderful voice. His is showing his age, but that is part of the charm and it is a venerable voice.

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Classic story with great illustrations. We sang Puff to both of our children every night from infancy through about kindergarten so it’s a special story for us. We bought each of our twin grandsons a book for Christmas so they will have their own when they grow up. We also bought an extra "just in case" another grandchild is in our future :) make some precious memories with your children or grandchildren.

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