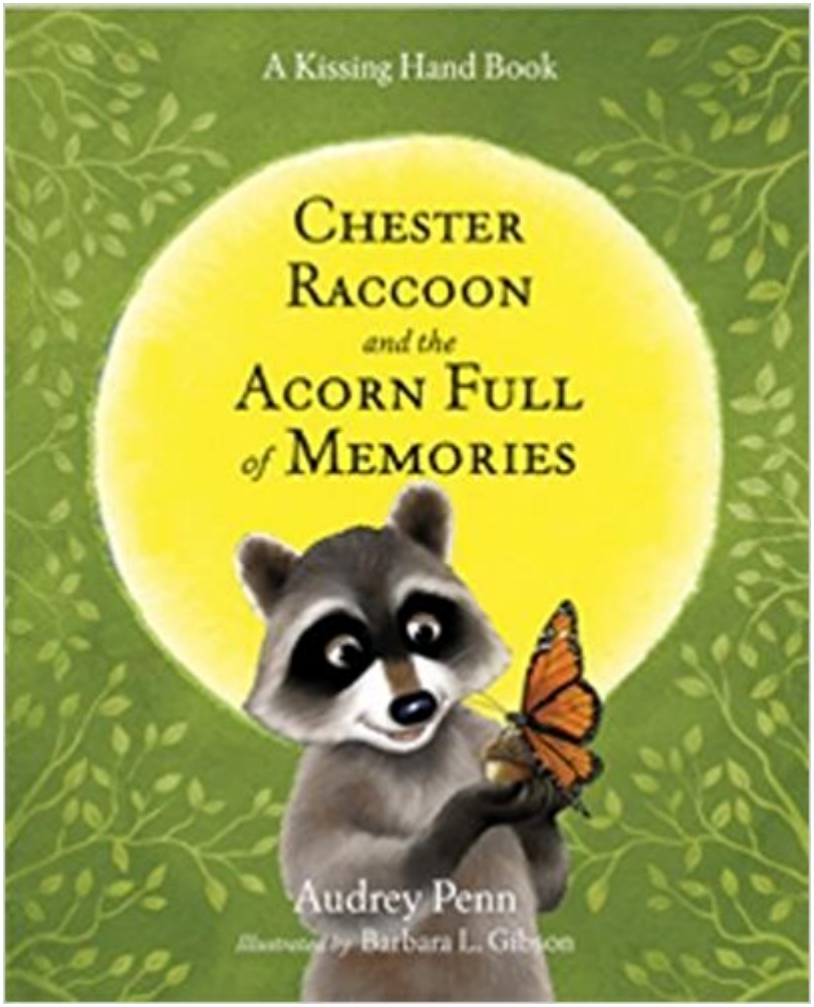
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Chester Raccoon And The Acorn Full Of Memories (The Kissing Hand Series)



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Synopsis

Chester Raccoon’s good friend Skiddel Squirrel has had an accident and will not be returning - ever. Chester is upset that he won’t get to play with his friend anymore. Mrs. Raccoon suggests that Chester and his friends create some memories of Skiddel, so that they will have good memories when they miss him. Chester, his brother Ronny, and their friends decide to gather at the pond, where they combine their memories and create a touching celebration of their friend’s life.Many young children must face the loss of loved ones or the need to attend a funeral. This sweet story will help children to understand the positive purpose behind memorial services and how "making memories" can provide cheer and comfort when missing an absent loved one.

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Age Range: 3 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 3Ã¢â ¬â •When Chester returns home from school, he tells his mother that the teacher said Skiddil Squirrel had an accident and would not be coming back. Mrs. Raccoon explains that his classmate’s "heart quit beating and his body didn’t work any more." She comforts her sad child by suggesting that he "make a memory of Skiddil Squirrel." The two start out for the squirrel’s favorite place, and other animal friends join them. At the butterfly pond, Chester tells stories about

how Skiddil loved butterflies and how he buried acorns for winter, but never found them. When Mrs. Raccoon points to a grove of young oak trees, Chester exclaims, "The forest made a Skiddil Squirrel memory!" Then he picks up an acorn to take home with him. Simple, direct dialogue demonstrates the love between this mother and child. Bright, stylized illustrations on high-gloss pages depict the animals with human emotions, convey warmth, and reinforce the text. Despite the tough subject, this fifth book in the series that began with The Kissing Hand (Child Welfare League of America, 1993) has a reassuring tone and provides an opening for a discussion on death and remembering loved ones.Ã¢â ¬â •Margaret R. Tassia, Millersville University, PA Copyright Ã Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

I admit, this was an accidental purchase. I hit "try a sample" but for some reason it bought it for me. That’s never happened before, and I was going to return it.....but my 4 year old does love Chester.This is a super sweet but sad story about dealing with loss. Chester’s squirrel friend had an accident apparently, which made my 4 year old very upset. After we finished the story though, he liked how they made and talked about memories they had with the squirrel. This is a must have if you are trying to explain loss to a child.

Have several Chester books to read to my grandchildren. The illustrations are beautiful, with so much detail and color. The subject matter is delicately handled with tenderness and easy for little ones to understand. Have not found any other author who tackles difficult subjects with so much grace and love.

I bought this book after a classmate of my child’s passed away. There are so many children’s books that focus on the death of pets and family members, but I had not seen one about a fellow playmate or student. The story line, along with the idea of how friends shared their memories about their lost friend, is something that young children can understand and put into action. This is a wonderful book to help deal with a difficult situation.

Beautiful book that helps kiddos understand death. The book really helped my daughter when she lost her papa. Audrey Penn is an amazing children’s book writer anyways, we love all her books.

I used this book with my 1st grade class when we lost a student a few weeks ago. It has helped my students come to terms with death and put a positive tone to remembering a friend.

I enjoy using Chester Raccoon stories with my first graders because the author uses Chesters Mom to help students with changes in their lives (going to school, moving). She is very wise. In this book Mother Raccoon helps Chester understand about death. It is gently written and would be good for reading to a child, but I would not recommend it for whole class reading since it deals with death.

Great book for 5-8 year olds to introduce death/dying. The focus is positive memories of the special person. Highly recommend. Kids quickly relate to Chester from The Kissing Hand book b

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