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Nicky The Jazz Cat



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Synopsis

Ã¢â ¬Å“IÃ¢â ¬â„¢ve worked with the best cats around, and Nicky is one of a kind. This sweet and soulful jazz cat followed his dream and came out a winner. I love him and so will the kids!Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â •Quincy Jones Ã¢â ¬Å“Nicky the Jazz Cat teaches young people about humor, improvisation, and individuality. His swinging adventures with his special jazz friends will inspire and delight children as they learn. Nicky is one cool cat!Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â •Wynton Marsalis When a jazz-loving kitten named Nicky meets a legendary trumpet player, he learns how to play jazz and word travels fastÃ¢â ¬â •soon all the top musicians hear about this jazz cat and want to play with him. This charming story is illustrated with photographs of Nicky with jazz greats Roy Eldridge, Lionel Hampton, Lena Horne, Quincy Jones, Abbey Lincoln, and Gerry Mulligan as they meet and make friends. The colorful graphics and rhyming textÃ¢â ¬â •call and response conversation between Nicky and his new musician friendsÃ¢â ¬â •reflect the humor, rhythm, and spirit of jazz itself. Nicky the Jazz Cat teaches children about the magic of jazz, the value of friends and mentors, and the power of imagination and originality. Children and adults alike will delight in his journey from curious jazz kitten to acclaimed jazz cat.

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Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

Customer Reviews

"Nicky teaches young people about humor, individuality, improvisation and the joy of jazz --Nicky is

one cool cat!" -- Wynton Marsalis musician, composer"This sweet and soulful jazz cat is one of a kind! I love him and so will the kids" -- Quincy Jones producer, producer, musician

Children and adults alike are invited to embark on a jazz journey with Nicky the Jazz Cat. This charming story introduces children to jazz through the eyes and ears of Nicky, a cool feline friend who has had the unique pleasure of knowing some of the world's most celebrated jazz legends. Nicky's fun-filled jazz adventure will be a new children's favorite and a great gift for music and animal fans of all ages.

I am in love with this book. Such an adorable way to introduce children to jazz. My friends all get one with their first baby!

Nicky is a cat-- a fashionably all-black feline. In this book he's rhyming his way through encounters with several jazz musicians. The text is fun, the book is beautiful, and the pictures are very, very cool. The Lena Horne shot is my favorite-- she is gazing elegantly down at Nicky. The author has had a lifetime career of photographing Jazz musicians, and the Nicky pictures are my favorite. If only I can keep the baby from drooling on it until he's big enough to appreciate it!

he asks for it to be read to him over and over and over..... what better praise could there be!

This is the first book I ever bought with intention of giving it to my future children. I love jazz, and I love cats. The story is so adorable and the pictures of Nicky with jazz artists are great! Definitely recommend.

The book was great for little ones and the person reading to them. It was more than I expected after reading the first Nicky book. It was entertaining and a good jazz lesson.

How does that song go? Everybody wants to be a cat -- because a cat's the only cat that knows where it's at. It's that same kind of simple, tuneful logic that makes this book so wonderfully effective: introducing the fun and magic and sounds and stories of jazz to minds that are still open and hungry -- before filters of "taste" and other cultural prejudices have a chance to form. Because, to be clear, jazz isn't broccoli or carrots; it doesn't need a subterfuge to fool the young. Jazz is a gift, and the sooner it's enjoyed and appreciated and felt, the more likely it will deliver its treasures and

pleasures over time. Friedman’s mastery at combining images, music, and a compelling story make this happen at an age when eyes, ears and minds are wonderfully open. Fortunate is the kid who crosses paths with Nicky...

My husband and I received Nicky the Jazz Cat as a gift from a close friend before our baby was born. Our baby is only five months old but this has been her favorite book for three months already. Her eyes light up every time she sees the cute cat on the cover. It’s the right length for bedtime reading - not too short and not too long - and has wonderful pictures and interesting varied fonts to get your child interested in words and letters, as well as several musical instruments and important jazz musicians. We read Nicky the Jazz Cat, Goodnight Moon, and Hush Little Baby as our routine and our baby has been sleeping through the night very regularly.I’d especially recommend this book for the young children (up to three years old) of anyone who is into jazz, or is a jazz musician.

A wonderful photo-filled rhyme story of this lucky cat Nicky and his cast of jazz music’s greatest performers. I bought the book and CD, "Nicky’s jazz for Kids" for my two young sons. They loved reading/singing the story and then they jammed along with the CD on their own instruments. This is a great opportunity for parents to get their kids turned onto jazz before they take them to see Wynton Marsalis at Lincoln Center. It really helps Jazz to be fun for kids to enjoy!

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