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This is the classic from which many of our staff first learned to read, starting us on a path of unremitting bibliophilia. *Are You My Mother?* follows a confused baby bird who's been denied the experience of imprinting as he asks cows, planes, and steam shovels the Big Question. In the end he is happily reunited with his maternal parent in a glorious moment of recognition.

Are You My Mother? Details

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Archit Ojha says

A cute, little, tiny tiny bird is out and about to explore the world. What is she searching? Whom is she looking for?

Of course, it's her mother, whom she wants to find out!

Funny and innovative!

Paganalexandria says

This was my nephews favorite book growing up. It had special meaning because I was raising him during his own mother's issues. At the time, they prevented her from being there. It broke my heart that maybe this little boy was confused about which of the women in his life was actually his mother. Maybe it is why this story meant so much to him. All I know is that he would crawl into my lap, with his battered copy of this book, and ask me to read it to him, over, and over again.

Imagine my surprise when over a decade later, this book is mentioned in . It brought back so many sappy memories.

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un lindo libro para niños (o para aprender y mejorar el español:) y de hecho la ilustración es adorable.

♥????????? says

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“You are not my mother. You are a scary Snort!”

I may not have loved this book but I can still appreciate it :) It's an okay book especially to introduce to young children to as it is a very easy read with very simple words. The illustrations in the remakes are very colorful which is good because it holds the eye. There's nothing worse than a good story with absolute boring pictures! It just kinda felt a bit long for what it was. But my little niece seemed to enjoy it well enough. Just NOT something I'd personally wanna read very often if ever again... The message I got out of it is this, It helps children learn we should be thankful for our mothers and also the friends around us. That's a pretty good message though that's for sure.

Keamy Loken says

Strange story, the main character was VERY dim which did not suit the story.

It at first seemed as though it would be a breath taking story started with the age old question. "Are you my mother?" But his repeated asking of this question (To other animals and inanimate objects that could not possibly be his mother.) I found slightly disturbing. It also contributed to my fear that this newly hatched bird, had mental retardation brought on by his fall from the nest.

This book also brings up another sad topic, chick abandonment. The process of an adult bird leaving a new born ALONE in the nest for hours at a time a risky and dangerous thing to do to say the least.

In short this story is not (despite popular belief) a children's story. There is far too much chick endangerment. Birdy social services should most certainly take a look into this mother's endangerment of her chick.

Note if you took this review seriously...you missed the point

Ann M says

I absolutely love this book!!!! This book never gets old and never stops being fun to read or hear. We LOVE this book!

For years Thea pretended to "pop!" from the egg. She still does sometimes. And this book is how she first learned that animals EAT other animals..

She knew birds caught worms. But it wasn't until I asked her what the baby bird was going to DO with the worm that I realized she didn't know. She said the worm was going to live in the nest with the baby bird. Like a pet.

So I, somewhat mischeivously and after recovering myself, told her ... He's going to EAT it! She was horrified. The look on her face was awesome. Because, really? Who'da thunk it? animals are food??? She thought they were all friends!

Yesterday, in her animal book, there was a picture of a lion in mid-air about to tackle a gazelle or some such animal. She said "Look! He's going to climb on his back! Like I climb on yours!" The truth is a little more reality than I want her to have... so I said "Yup! Just like you climb on mine!".

Cher says

Grades: pre-k to 2nd

When I was in first grade, my sister and I found out we were adopted. I instantly sought comfort in this book. We were told we were adopted because in class we had to write down where we inherited our facial features and hair from. I couldn't say where I got my curly hair from and when my teacher told me I had to get curly hair from someone in my family, I came home from school on a mission to discover where it came from knowing that I was the only one with curls. The idea that I didn't look like the rest of my family, was difficult

but this book helped me deal with my differences. Its been a long time since I read it, and although I believe the little lost bird ends up with a mother who looks just like him, I have this memory of my mom using this book to explain that a mother is more of an emotional connection, a caring relationship, not always a physical connection.

Shanna Gonzalez says

Are You My Mother, a simple, well-loved classic, opens with a mother bird sitting on her egg. When the egg begins to move, she leaves to find some food for her anticipated baby. In her absence, the egg hatches, and the hatchling sets out in search of his mother. He asks a kitten, a hen, a dog, and a cow if they are his mother, and each says "no." He sees a car, a boat, and an airplane, is disappointed that none of them are his mother either. Finally, he finds a construction digger, which he calls a Snort. The digger lifts him high in the air, frightening him terribly, then drops him back into his nest where he meets his mother returning home.

This is a great read-aloud for preschoolers, who will identify with the baby bird's fear at being separated from his parents. Its pacing is wonderfully predictable, with not-very-scary tension building to an exciting climax with the "Snort," and transitioning quickly to a deeply reassuring ending as the baby bird snuggles into the nest with his mother. It's also a good easy reader, although a student who has had the book read aloud in preschool may view it as babyish. I recommend the full paperback or hardback version rather than the abridged board book, which loses much in the abridging.

Matt says

When a Mother Bird leaves the nest to find food for her yet-to-hatch egg, little does she know that the Baby Bird will be on a mission to find his mother right off the bat. With no one in the nest, Baby Bird begins a search around, seeking out his mother. Not a kitten, a hen, a cow or a dog... and on goes the search for his mother. Further explorations prove fruitless, but Baby Bird is soon reunited with his mother and finds all the happiness he could want. Neo chose this as his final bedtime book, having heard it before in a previous collection. He thought it funny to see all the different mother possibilities that Baby Bird had before locating his rightful mother.

Michael Finocchiaro says

This is a wonderful story that I absolutely adored reading over and over again to my kids. It has great sonorities to the words and is lots of fun. It is a great way for especially small kids to learn that just because mommy disappears for a little while, she will always come back - and sometimes with a tasty treat - yummy worms!! :)

A must for kids!

Sammantha says

This has become one of my daughter's favorite bedtime stories. At the moment she calls the book "Baby

bird". She really enjoyed this book since the first time I read it to her. Throughout some parts of the books she laughs and gets sad when baby bird cannot find his mother. She loves it so much she will even attempt to try and read it to her baby doll. I would definitely recommend this book to toddlers and young children. I remember enjoying this book myself when I was younger. It's just an all around great little story.

Jason Carr says

A startling exposition on the morality of snorts.

Donovan says

The second book I ever read to my daughter, and the first (and one of the only) non-rhyming books she enjoyed.

It's a book of traveling and education, meeting others that are different from you. Baby bird, as they're known to do, falls from the nest and wanders aimlessly for the mother it has yet to meet. Dog, cow, chicken, backhoe, baby bird can't find its mother until kismet allows the benevolent backhoe to replace it back into its nest and mother bird comes flying back in the nick of time! Wait, no, scratch that. She was horribly late. Tons of danger narrowly avoided.

Like most Disney movies, the father figure is curiously absent here. I don't know how this particular bird species mates, if it's life-long or more of a no-strings-attached sort of thing, but daddy bird should of been watching baby bird. Or mother bird should have called her sister bird or babysitter bird. Because this whole situation definitely warrants a call to Child Protective Services and could have been avoided. Fortunately luck is on baby bird's side. Read this book to see just how lucky it is!

MostlyDelores says

Mother Bird wears a kerchief on her head because of femininity.

Pooja says

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