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A long, long drive.

It's been a year

of dreaming, waiting.

Now, summer's here.

A celebration of family, vacations, and the joy of the sea.

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From Reader Review Beach House for online ebook

Donalyn says

Stunning illustrations and precise, evocative language.

Miss Sarah says

A great and realistic book about children returning to the family beach house and all the fun they have the first day. Toddler and up.

Cindy Dobrez says

Lovely to have a few minutes at the beach during this snowy and bitter cold Michigan March. I may be reading this daily until I can go outside without a coat, let alone with a beach bag.

Sara says

Text is so-so. Artwork is the star here.

Meghan Hunt says

This would be a great book to use in a preschool storytime about Summer or the beach. The illustrations are nice and the text is crisp and clear.

Children's Literature Centre at FSU says

Deanna Caswell creates a welcoming rhythm in this picture book that will remind any reader of family vacations by the sea. Simple text, sprinkled with action and creative rhyme pairs make this a perfect choice for young readers. The illustrations by Amy June Bates are enjoyable for parents and children alike- my favorite being the family trekking to the beach with towels, floats, and bags in hand. Read and enjoy the anticipation and joy that only a trip to the shore can bring.

Rebekah says

I picked this one for Micah. We read it seven times this week. The illustrations are beautiful. The rhythm and

rhyme of each page captivated both of us. The vocabulary is challenging and gave us plenty to discuss as we read each page. This picture book captures a beach vacation perfectly, and it is a cruel book to read in October—It makes us long for time on the beach.

Lynn says

So beautiful and a lovely tonic for this long winter - better even than reading a seed catalog.

Tasha says

A family is headed to a beach house after waiting a year for summer to return. When they arrive it's not time for the beach yet. The car has to be unloaded and things have to be unpacked. The kids make their beds, but can't stop looking out the window at the waves and the beach. Then chores are done and it's time to go! The family heads out to the beach where they spend the day in the water, building sandcastles, clam digging, chasing crabs and much more. In the evening, they have a campfire and roast hotdogs before heading inside for baths and bed. And one last moonlit look at the beach before falling asleep.

Caswell captures the beach and the sun and the water and sand in her rhyming couplets. It could be a sea, it could be a lake, it's all about the experience of being near water and playing in waves. A day spent with family soaking in the sun and then being together still when the day is done. Families who have spent time together near the water will all recognize their days of sun and waves on these pages.

The illustrations shine with golden sand and dancing water. They are filled with the movement of the breeze at the beach, with the joy of the sun and the connection with family. One can almost smell the campfire smoke in the air or the ocean salt. The pictures here sing with freedom and long days spent together. The washes of watercolor that make the waves and the sky create a sense of timeless ease on the page.

A book of family connection and love that brings the glory of a beach vacation right off the page.
Appropriate for ages 3-5.

Alyson (Kid Lit Frenzy) says

beautifully illustrated, mentor text

David says

Lovely illustrations and jaunty words let the reader join a happy family on a fun, comforting beach vacation. Light on plot, high on warm, familial atmosphere.

Suebee says

Lovely, simple, poetic, evocative and nostalgic for adults.

Michelle Gray says

Theme: summer, going on vacation

Michelle says

Great summer book! Would work well in PS ST.

Edie says

With simple, rhymed text and illustrations in warm tones of sun and earth, the joys of time at the beach are presented straightforwardly and enthusiastically. In every illustration the children are on the move and there is also lots of looking...out of windows, out to see. A very engaging book.

edie Ching
