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The classic and beloved winter holiday song "Walking in a Winter Wonderland" is brought to life with bright and colorful illustrations.

Sleigh bells ring, are you listening . . . Tim Hopgood's joyful and colorful illustrations show all the wonders of winter—snowmen and sleigh rides, sweaters and smiles. Follow a family on their walk through snowy scenes. A beautiful and festive celebration of the season—perfect for sharing!

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Allison says

All 4 stars are for the illustrations which are a fantastic match for the song. I prefer the traditional lyrics with Parson Brown and Conspiring by the fire not version adapted for Peggy Lee.

Erica says

Illustrations matched up very well to this popular song. I especially love the author's note at the end on his interpretation of the song and why he wanted to create this book. I don't think I have ever really stopped to think about what the words of the song really meant. I won't tell you here, because if you didn't read that note it's worth taking a moment to do so.

Barbara says

One of my favorite seasonal songs celebrating winter is featured here, accompanied by expressive collage illustrations that were created using pencil, calligraphy ink, wax crayon, and chalk pastel. The images feature a family venturing out into a winter wonderland and marveling at Nature's beauty while animals look on. By the end of the day after all that activity, including riding on a sled and building a snowman, of course, the family is exhausted. Still, they manage to savor those wonderful memories of a day spent together in the great outdoors. The images really capture the essence of the lyrics although I've always associated the song with a budding romance.

Amy Lafleur Meyers says

Song lyric picture books can be hit or miss but this one is one NOT to be missed. Brightly colored illustrations complement the lyrics to "Walking in a Winterland" while a family enjoys the winter outdoors. I loved the illustrations. The mixed media techniques that Tim Hopgood uses really make it feel like a snowy winter scene. His combination of pastel, crayon, and computer editing really makes gives the snow a flaky appearance in the sky and on the ground. Definitely a feel good book that helps to bring the holiday season to life.

Jillian says

Pretty illustrations to go with the classic song.

I understand changing the lyrics about pretending the snowman is going to marry the singer(s), but I don't understand why the change from "circus clown" to "Santa clown." It doesn't make sense (what on earth is a

Santa clown??), but also makes a Winter song into an explicitly Christmas song.

Alice says

Whatever happened to the verse..In the meadow we can build a snowman, and pretend he is Parson Brown..."???

Jennifer says

I'm not the biggest fan of picture books that are song lyrics but this one is beautiful! Can't wait til Christmas.

Sheri says

Before reading this book I hadn't heard Peggy Lee's version of Walking in a Winter Wonderland. The unfamiliar line "In the meadow we can build a snowman. And pretend that he's a Santa clown." just threw me. I had to listen to her version to hear if that is what she actually says. Santa clown, what is that? The picture shows a regular snowman, no Santa hat even. I much prefer the original lyrics as sung by Bing Crosby. The illustrations beautifully depict the winter season and the enjoyment that can be had in pristine new fallen snow.

Mary says

Text is changed (from what is usually heard on the radio) to be more child-friendly and not romantic. Beautiful illustrations.

KC says

This book is based on the song by Felix Bernard and Richard B Smith and is filled with vivid and vibrant artistic illustrations.

Andi says

Bright and colorful illustrations paired with a tried and true winter song make this picture book into more of an activity! Singing with your kid is the best

Jade says

Walking in a Winter Wonderland is a gorgeous picture book based on the lyrics of the well known song of the same name. On each page there is a line of lyrics with beautiful pictures of woodland creatures and snowy scenes the family discover on the way through the forest on a snow day. I like how some of the lyrics to the song were changed to make it easier for children to understand and it meant it was a bit more of a story to follow which is perfect for the younger children who may not have heard the song before. The illustrations are fantastic and the children enjoy seeing the snowy scenes and find it magical to look at, especially as they are scenes we very rarely get where we are and many of them haven't seen snow before. The characters in this book are very rarely mentioned as they're not really part of the song but it is lovely to follow them throughout the book on their journey through the woods and see how they react to the new places and things they discover. The children enjoy being read this book and although we don't get it out as often as books with more of a story they love learning and singing along to the song from the CD which is a great addition to the book.

Ina says

This wonderfully illustrated book captures the joy and beauty of Winter perfectly. The text, lyrics to the song "Walking in a Winter Wonderland" makes for a bouncy singable storytime. An awesome way to share all of the magic and enchantment of a Winter afternoon/evening with your storytime audience...or any child.

Jennifer Kelley says

Beautiful illustrations bring life to the song. The kids seemed to enjoy it, and I look forward to sharing this with some senior citizens.

Jamie says

Such beautiful illustrations by Tim Hopgood and a great song. However, my unbridled enthusiasm for this book screeched to a halt when I flipped the page to "We'll frolic and play the Eskimo way." Yikes, we can't be singing that at Storytime! Considering that terminology was out-of-fashion and politically incorrect when I was in elementary school (25+ years ago), it's hard to believe this still flies in a modern children's book. While I can appreciate the lyrics are verbatim from the 1960s Peggy Lee version for which the author and others have a nostalgic fondness, surely we can update this for the 21st century. Take a cue from Diana Krall who sings "we'll frolic and play the Canadian way" or maybe Inuktitut artist Beatrice Deer's "we'll frolic and play the Inuit way."
