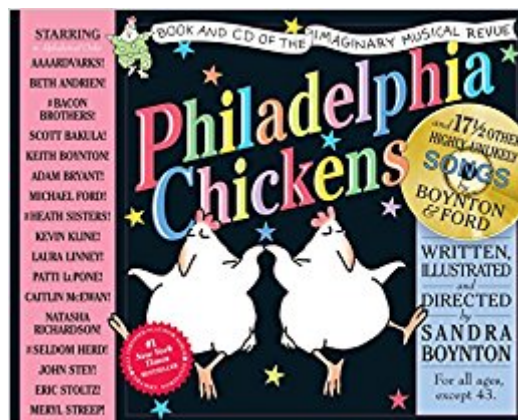




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# Philadelphia Chickens: A Too-Illogical Zoological Musical Revue



## Synopsis

Grammy nominee. #1 New York Times bestseller. And, with 1 million copies in print, a Recording Industry Association of America Platinum album. What an event! What a show! It's Philadelphia Chickens—the catchy and quirky, tuneful and toe-tapping, exuberant, unexpected, and totally endearing family-musical-in-a-book. Here is a full-color songbook of 17 1/2 illustrated story-poems, and a full-length, fully orchestrated CD of original songs performed by such luminaries as Patti LuPone, Kevin Kline, Meryl Streep, The Bacon Brothers, and Laura Linney, who pleads "Please, Can I Keep It?" "it followed me home. / What exactly it is/ I don't know." Also joining in are Eric Stoltz, Scott Bakula, and two Boyntons, including daughter Caitlin McEwan, who performs a piece that every little listener will relate to—a love song to the chocolate chip cookies that are just out of reach. With the collaboration of composer Michael Ford, Philadelphia Chickens is that rarest of kids' musical discs—one whose inimitable lyrics and music make it as irresistible to parents as it is to their children.

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## Customer Reviews

Sandra Boynton, long heralded for her menagerie of animal characters (Moo, Baa, La La La; Rhinoceros Tap), puts a fresh cast of singing, dancing critters center stage—from the titular boogying chickens to a tail-wagging "snuggle puppy"—in Philadelphia Chickens, a book-and-CD package billed as an "imaginary musical revue." The first 32 pages contain lyrics and illustrations, the second half

of the book includes musical notation and additional lyrics for each song. An all-star cast, including Meryl Streep, Laura Linney, Eric Stoltz and the Bacon Brothers, headlines the musical recording, which features a variety of original show tunes penned by Boynton and composed by Boynton and frequent collaborator Michael Ford. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

"Lions and tigers ... and dancing pigs? Welcome to the magical menagerie of author Sandra Boynton." -- People Magazine

This is an excellent book for toddlers and pre-K kids. The songs are all catchy and funny and my kids loved them! This CD got more play than any other in my children's younger years, and I really didn't get tired of these songs the way I did with a lot of those other songs by The Wiggles or Barney or some of the other inane TV shows that are made for kids. I had never heard of Sandra Boynton before my wife and I received this book as a gift. Our kids are older, now, and this CD never gets played anymore, but now we - in turn - find ourselves giving this book/CD as a gift to other parents of younger children. This fun music and book for kids gets my highest possible recommendation. I can't imagine any child or parent not enjoying this creative, lively and fun music from Boynton.

LOVE this book and CD. We used to "play it for our son", but the music and the lyrics are great for all ages. You don't really have to have a kid around to play this! The list of stars who contributed songs is great! We order this book/CD to our friends with kids.

Always, always, always a favorite! Star-studded review is more fun than you can believe. And who knew about the Bacon Brothers?!? This is my go-to baby shower and/or 1st birthday gift!

I cannot give this CD and accompanying book enough stars to express all the fun it has given me and my two granddaughters, 3 & 5 years old. To hear their little voices coming from the back seat singing "Cows, we're remarkable cows...." will remain in my memory for all time I'm sure. Every song is clever and funny to them. The book also is well done. My younger granddaughter learned the concept of matching page numbers to the song track numbers, allowing her to follow along which was a big deal for her. We've had this for awhile now and it's still fun to listen to and sing along with ~~ I can really belt out these songs along with the girls and it's so much FUN!!!

BEST, BEST BEST CD EVER!!!!!! My kids are no longer small and they still sing/love these songs!

One will sing a line and someone will smile and join in! The mood in our house always lightens when someone/thing reminds us of her songs, whether because of the happy memories or the beautiful silliness. Sandra Boynton is a National Treasure. All of her books are fun, interesting and encourage children to 'think out of the box.' Whenever I need a shower gift, I include something from her collection. This is one of the best of the best however. The songs are not 'hokey,' they are clever and respect that kids are smart and clever too. They are sung by people that you would not expect on a children's cd; Kevin Bacon? If you are tired, tired tired of the 'classic' songs for children, buy this cd, I promise that the millionth time that you hear it, you won't want to toss it out the window, the lyrics are too clever and original and paint images that make you smile instead of barf. The music is interesting and lively, and memorable. It is sooo much better than Disney!

Brings back great memories for the wife, and I enjoy listening (and watching) her sing and dance with the kids

I first purchased this in cassette tape and book form (along with Boynton's "Rhinoceros Tap") for my kids over 15 years ago. When we were planning a trip that would have us all in the car for 25+ hours, I decided to order this again with the CD and surprise them during the trip. It was a big hit and a blast singing along to the same silly songs with my now 17 and 19 year olds. My daughter has used the sheet music in the book to play on the piano as well. Someday, I hope to share these same silly sing-alongs with my future grandkids!

The music is the best ever (for my ears). I put on the music on first thing in the morning and sing and dance. Great way to start my day. If I am feeling a little down or just not at my best, this music does it for me. The book is great for kids to have a visual plus they have the words and the actual music so it can be played. Thank you so much.

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