

Listen, Buddy



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Synopsis

Buddy's father had a beautiful big nose. He was a great sniffer. Buddy's mother had beautiful big teeth. She was a great chomper. Buddy had beautiful big ears. It didn't matter. Helen Lester and Lynn Munsinger have created eight children's books together. Munsinger's unparalleled animal characters and Lester's hysterical text have joined together to create another silly tale about a bunny who just can't seem to listen.

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Customer Reviews

His ears are enormous, but listening is not the forte of a bunny named Buddy. And his misinterpretations of his parents's requests make for the sort of silly confusion that youngsters love: when his father asks for a pen, Buddy drags in a disgruntled hen; instead of the slice of bread his mother wants, Buddy turns up with the sawed-off headboard from a bed. Taking his first solo "long hop," Buddy forgets whether he is supposed to take a left or a right when the road forks. He selects the wrong route, of course, and ends up at the cave of the Scruffy Varmint, where he unleashes merry mayhem in trying to help that cranky creature cook soup. After the varmint decides that he'd rather eat stew made from "the Bunnyrabbit who never listens," Buddy hears him loud and clear. If lacking the all-out pizazz of Lester and Munsinger's Tacky the Penguin, this sprightly paced tale

amiably nudges kids whose direction-following skills need some honing. Munsinger's watercolors-and Buddy's comical expressions in particular-are characteristically entertaining. Ages 4-8. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

PreSchool-K?There is a lovely, subtle message here for young children. Buddy is a rabbit whose father has a big nose?he is a great sniffer; whose mother has beautiful teeth?she is a great chomper. Buddy has beautiful, big lop-ears, but he mishears everything his parents say to him, including their directions for his first long hop?solo. Instead of the path to the left and the pond, he takes the path to the right straight to the cave of Scruffy Varmint. In a chuckle-inducing episode, Scruffy directs Buddy to gather ingredients to make soup and the young rabbit's faulty hearing serves him well, although he barely escapes becoming the main ingredient himself. Safely home, Buddy's listening skills are greatly improved. Expressive drawings convey the perplexity of parents weary of reminding a child to listen and extend the text with humorous asides. Sure to bring laughs at story time.?Virginia Opocensky, formerly at Lincoln City Libraries, NECopyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I'm a child therapist and I use this book to work with children about the importance of following directions. The book is well written for this, as children easily grasp this message by the end of the book. When finished, I ask them what the book was about and they are consistently able to tell me. However, it's also a funny story that they enjoy reading. I've also had kids reference "Buddy" when we talk later about listening and/or following directions.

Great book for having a conversation about listening, makes the point that parents are just trying to look out for you without being too preachy. Nephew who has trouble listening loves the story and seems to listen a little more for a few hours after reading it.

I have taught Prekindergarten for over 20 years and this book is a hit with my classes year in and year out. The children love the rhythmic language and the scrapes that Buddy gets in because he doesn't listen. It is a fun book as a grown up to read aloud, and it never fails to make the children scream with laughter, even though they all know the story by heart! Although I rotate books for the children to read, this one is always begged for by one and all. The children keep loving it literally to pieces. I am considering buying it in bulk to save on shipping costs! Finally, as a teacher, It

continuously crops up as a curriculum tool for interesting discussions on rhymes, politeness, the senses, and of course, listening.

I thought the story was great!!! I only gave it four stars because a small but significant group of kids didn't quite get what was going on without a lot of explanation on my part. I read it to a second grade class, which is what the topic (e.g., listening) is aimed at, but I think I'll use it with my older kids (5th and 6th grade) next time. I LOVED it and it was a great reminder to me that children hear things differently than adults.

I love this book! It does an awesome job showing that it takes more than having ears to be a good listener. Clearly Buddy has big, beautiful bunny ears, but he is not a good listener and often confuses what his parents (and others) ask him to do. It definitely incorporates humor and is a fun read.

Adore this story

This was one of my kids' favorite books when they were young and now we are sharing it with my nephews. Great illustrations and a story that teaches the importance of listening without being preachy. Whenever my kids aren't listening to my instructions, I just say, "Listen Buddy!" we all giggle and they pay attention. They're in their late teens now and it still works!

A must have! "Who put the what on the where side of what?" My first graders ask me to re-read that sentence every year. This is a wonderfully entertaining book with an adorable character and a great story lesson. Buy it for a special little one and you will not be disappointed! I love all Helen Lester's books.

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