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A lively little mouse and his shadow star in this updated realization of an old rhyme. Monique Felix's delightful illustrations and Robert Louis Stevenson's popular poetry make the perfect match in this treat sure to be enjoyed by the young and curious.

My Shadow Details

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Teresa says

This is a book that is about shadows and where we can see them. Throughout the book it shows how our shadows can be in many different places all over the world. The illustrations in this book are pleasant and show good details of the children. I gave this book 4 stars because it reminded me of when I was younger and I enjoyed playing with my shadow. My son loves it when his shadow is taller than mine or when he is stepping on my shadow.

Some good writing prompts to go with this book could be, "Do you like playing with your shadow?" or "What are some different ways you can see people's shadows?" My 3rd graders enjoyed reading this book independently. A good science project could be to turn off the lights and give your students some flashlights and see if they can make their shadow be in different positions without moving.

Grade: K-3rd, Lexile:AD600L, Guided Reading level: J

Fred Pollock says

From the poem by Robert Louis Stevenson, Sara Sanchez has created a lovely picture book that will bring a new generation to the poem. I memorized this poem many, many years ago as a child, and it has remained a favorite over time. Perhaps this is why I noticed the changes she made to Stevenson's original wording. Part of me hates that she did this and part fully understands it. I know why it was done - language changes. However, I wish she had acknowledged that she made the changes somewhere in the book. (And it is not my old memory that is wrong, I did look up the original.)

Matthew says

This was a fun poem and the mouse illustrations certainly lend to that, but I wasn't particularly moved by the book as a whole. It's a nice book, and it could be a lot of fun to share it with the right audience of children, but it wasn't particularly memorable.

Mrs. Ruigrok says

This was a lovely poem with simple illustrations.

Deb says

Bought and read to share with primary class to aid understanding of light and shadow

Mely says

cute little book that sparked a great discussion about shadows. Also great accompaniment to a shadow unit study

Vivian says

This illustrated interpretation of Robert Louis Stevenson's famous poem is my favorite of the many I've seen over the years. Now, if I could just hit upon a tune that works well with the verse I would have even more fun with it.

Mary Smith says

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Wonderful children's picture book explaining about shadows and how young children see their own shadow as friendly rather than a scary thing.

Savannah Hendricks says

First, this was such a great concept and story. However, the forced rhyme and a few pages of completely confusing text ruin the story for me.

Amber says

Personal response- This poetry book has absolutely fantastic illustrations that look as though they were created by ink and very detailed. The book describes shadows in a new and fresh way through the use of a curious mouse. The similes and metaphors are ones that a child would appreciate and understand for example, "I think I'd shame to stick to mom as that shadow sticks to me!" The poem is very lyrical and the rhythms are natural. Overall, the poem tells a delightful story.

Purpose- First graders would be an appropriate grade because the book is an easy read with a big font for beginning readers and no vocabulary young children would not understand. The book would be good for a science lesson where kids go outside in the morning, noon, and afternoon and draw an outline of their shadow each of the three times. The children then observe how their shadows change from long to their left in the morning, a little shadow at noon, and long shadow to their right in the afternoon. The teacher would discuss how the earth revolves around the sun and so the sun changes direction throughout the day.

Storywraps says

This delightful book has taken a classic poem and updated it for the 21st century child to enjoy. Full of fun, action and family-ties this book will be perfect for the young and old alike.

Shadow play is always a hit because you carry around your very own version of you in shadow form... now how cool is that? This adorable little boy and his entourage will have your little ones giggling and laughing right out loud. Shadows have been our playmates since the beginning of time and this book captures the playfulness and companionship that a shadow provides to it's source... you!

The illustrations are whimsical, dreamlike and full of humour and wit. The poem easily flows from page to page and is greatly enriched by the illustrations, which engages the reader, resulting in loads of smiles.

This is a perfect bedtime story to cuddle up and read together. After the book is complete you can make your own shadow creations dance on the wall from your bedroom light. Shadow awareness can be downright entertaining and shadow discovery can lead to lots of questions regarding those personal phantoms of darkness. Playtime with your very own individualized shadow, whether it is outdoors or indoors, is highly recommended and so is this book. Enjoy.

Haley says

A great introductory read on shadows in relation to day and night. It's length is perfect for young readers especially as an opening to a science related activity.

Pamela Hatch says

My Shadow / written by Robert Louis Stevenson; illustrated by Ted Rand -- New York : G.P. Putnam's Sons, c1990. (30 pages)

SUMMARY: An illustrated version of Stevenson's poem that describes a child's relationship with his shadow.

REVIEW: Rand's beautiful illustrations accompany Stevenson's poem on shadows. The pictures show an array of children from different cultures all experiencing their shadows at different times of the day and different activities.

FURTHER FUN: 1) go outside and study shadows (which way do they go, how do they look, can you make them change); 2) discuss what makes a shadow; 3) take large paper and lay it on the ground and draw the child's shadow; 4) practice shadow plays on the wall (like the last illustration).

Linda says

A new picture book that illustrates Robert Louis Stevenson's poem My Shadow will provide a lot of fun and play for children of today's world. With lots of movement, and maybe ideas of what to try with shadows, young children will love this book, possibly the first time they've heard the poem!

Marissa Ebert says

This poem has not received any awards.

"My Shadow" is appropriate for 5 to 8 year olds.

This poem is about a child and their shadow. The child talks about how the shadow can be big and small, and how it stays so close to them. The poem seems to personify the shadow, and talks about the sunlight having an affect on the size and appearance of the shadow itself.

I like this poem, and I think that young students would enjoy it as well. It is a cute little story that everyone can relate to, as everyone has a shadow! Your students will find this little poem funny, and will love the included illustrations in the book.

This poem can be used in class to create a fun activity where the students draw their own shadow. They can give their shadow a story line and write a little bit about it. Also, the teacher can use this poem to talk about sunlight at different times of day, and how it affects shadows. You can ask the students to identify where in the poem it says that there is no sunlight, and to see what size the shadow is at that moment.
