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In a three-story house with a shop down below,

lived the worlds finest hat maker, Madame Chapeau.

Like the Lady herself, all her hats were refined.

Brilliantly singular. One of a kind.

So begins the tale of a lonely hat maker who matches customers to the perfect hat but lacks her own perfect match in life. Once a year, on her birthday, Madame Chapeau ventures out in her favorite bonnet to dinner. This time, a crow snatches her hat and flies away. *Mon dieu!* As she chases the crow through the streets of Paris, a baker, a policeman, a cowboy, and others offer her their own hats to wear. None of them are quite right, though, until one special little girl offers her a hat "knitted with love and [her] best birthday wish."

From the bestselling team behind *Iggy Peck, Architect* and *Rosie Revere, Engineer* comes this delightful and very stylish story about love, community, and friendship, with some fancy hats thrown in for good measure.

Praise for *Happy Birthday, Madame Chapeau*

"Beaty carries the bounces and lalts to the very last page. Roberts' colorful, exaggerated hats (many of which are modeled on real designs) whimsically adorn the multicultural Parisian public."

--*Kirkus Reviews*

Happy Birthday, Madame Chapeau Details

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From Reader Review Happy Birthday, Madame Chapeau for online ebook

Linda says

Fabulous book for young children and their mothers and nana's. Love the language. It is not dumbed down at all. Children who love people, fashion and language will love Madame Chapeau

Lata says

Madame Chapeau, a hatmaker, is on the hunt for the perfect hat for her fancy dress, as a crow absconded with her lovely chapeau. Madame Chapeau is offered countless hats by others, with none of them seeming just quite right. Throughout her hat adventure, Madame Chapeau is trailed by the adorable Ada Twist of Ada Twist, Scientist (the girl's not named, but that's who I think it is).

Angie says

Multi-cultural characters. Whimsical, design-y illustrations. Playful language.

Andrea Beaty's charming story touches on inclusion, creation, and self-expression.

Illustrator David Mitchell's experience as a fashion illustrator and milliner make this book a visual treat.

Dawn says

My {almost} seven year old daughter loved this book so much, she had portions of it memorized :)!

Whitney Rachel says

Beaty does it again!

Jennifer Strong says

Madame Chapeau makes perfectly suited hats for everyone. When her own perfect hat is stolen by a crow (on her birthday no less) Madame's special day is ruined. Is there anyone who can help her find a new hat that's just perfect for her?

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Oh I just love this author/illustrator duo! I love the clever rhyming text and cute story, and the artwork is just

fantastic! A new favorite!

Villain E says

This was cute, but not as much fun as their previous books. Madame Chapeau makes the best hats for everyone else and her customers love her, but during her off hours, she's lonely. When a bird steals her own perfect hat, she chases after it while being mortified at the idea of wearing a lesser hat, or worse, no hat at all. I appreciate that the resolution to her hat problem and her loneliness problem come in the form of friendship rather than romance.

Gerard Villegas says

This is one of my favorite picture books and my "go to" book for customers that want a good storybook for someone. Not only are the illustrations gorgeous but it has a beautiful message about friendship, love, and the importance of putting sentiment in material things. Highly recommended.

Kelly says

Madame Chapeau is a hat maker who has lost her favorite hat. She tries to retrieve it, and in the process, encounters many people who want to help. Nice story about kindness and nice, colorful illustrations.

Baby Bookworm says

This review was originally written for The Baby Bookworm. Visit us for new picture books reviews daily!

Hello friends! Our book today is *Happy Birthday, Madame Chapeau*, written by Andrea Beaty and illustrated by David Roberts, a touching tale of kindness.

In a small shop, a shy young woman makes the loveliest hats in the world, each meticulously crafted to fit its owner's look and personality. Each day, Madame Chapeau makes her special hats, then returns to her apartment to eat a lonely dinner for one. The only exception is her birthday: she dresses in her finest couture, wears her own special hat (made for her by someone very dear), and heads to the fanciest restaurant in town to eat her birthday dinner alone. This year, as she is en route, she trips and knocks loose her special hat, which is then snatched away by a crow. Devastated, Madame Chapeau chases the bird through the streets, pleading for the return of her hat, to no avail. Passersby see the woman's distress, and each offer their own hat to replace her lost one, but she cannot bear to ask the owners to part with their own special hats. Dejected, she returns to the restaurant, where a wonderful surprise awaits...

This one was so unexpectedly emotional, and it left the warmest feeling in my heart. On the surface, the tale of Madame Chapeau opening her heart after strangers show her the utmost kindness (and I won't spoil the ending, which is devastatingly sweet), is a wonderful lesson for children in empathy. But through the use of

subtle visual clues, and the hats as a metaphor for love, it also becomes a story about overcoming grief: though never explicitly stated, the illustrations reveal that Madame Chapeau is a widow, and her late love was the one who crafted her special hat. This detail makes the events of the story all the more devastating, then uplifting. Once again, Beaty and Roberts have crafted a quietly powerful story that stays with you long after the final page. The length is perfect, JJ and I both adored it, and this one is absolutely Baby Bookworm approved.

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Fromwordstoworlds says

What is a fashion icon if not an eccentric artist?

The unconventional British fashion editor Isabella Blow tragically died in 2007 but she is still invoked as one of the most imaginative persons when talking about wearing hats. She became a muse for Philip Treacy, a milliner who created hats that Isabella wore gracefully and ingeniously.

These hats and also the surrealistic creations of Elsa Schiaparelli who had worked with Salvador Dali to change the boundaries between fashion and art became the source of inspiration for Andrea Beaty and David Roberts who created Madame Chapeau, the world's finest hatmaker.

Her passion, her talent and her devotion made each person feel special, no matter young or old. But as most artists, Madame Chapeau had to respond celebrity with loneliness. Even for her birthday she used to dine alone.

See the full review on blog:

<https://fromwordstoworlds.wordpress.c...>

Rommel Sison says

7-year-old daughter: ?????

5-year-old daughter: ??

Cara says

I was intrigued by the cover and I'm glad that I picked it up. It was a cute story about a shy female hat-maker that always eats alone on her birthday. When the wind takes the hat off her head, she meets a bunch of people that offer them their hat instead and makes friends along the way as she attempts to get her hat back.

Mary says

We've got a birthday in our house today, so we busted out all of our favorite birthday books this week. Today's review, though it features a birthday book, is of a favorite book in our house year-round, birthday

day or not— Happy Birthday, Madame Chapeau written by Andrea Beaty (@andreabeatyauthor) and illustrated by David Roberts (@dr.illustration). (Yes, they are the duo responsible for the wonderful Rosie Revere, Iggy Peck, and Ada Twist!).

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I picked this book up a few years ago at our library’s used book sale based solely on the fact that we love Beaty’s and Roberts’s other books so much, and Happy Birthday, Madame Chapeau is just as well-liked in our house as their other books... if not even more popular! Based on the styles and works of a real-life fashion editor and a milliner (which I learned about thanks to the kindly-included Artist’s Note at the beginning), we see the “world’s finest hatmaker” going about her business on her birthday, which she always celebrates by herself at her favorite restaurant. This time, however, her hat is taken by a crow on her way to dinner, and what happens next is a wonderful story of the kindness and generosity of others.

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As with her more well-known books, Beaty nails rhyme and rhythm on every page, making this book a delight to read aloud. Roberts’s colorful and multicultural illustrations bring life to the streets of Paris and emotion and charm to each character we meet. Adults will also find tiny bits of humor throughout, such as the name of Madame Chapeau’s favorite restaurant (Chez Snooty-Patoot!).

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Recommended for ages 4-8, though my now 3-year-old has been enjoying it since she was about 2! This has been a go-to birthday gift in our house lately.

Steph says

So sweet and unexpected!
