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The third book in the General Mills Spoonful of Stories series!

Can you imagine hugging a porcupine? Sure, it's easy to picture hugging a bunny or even a billy goat, but where would you begin to try to hug a porcupine?

After seeing all his friends hug their favorite animals, one brave boy works up the courage to hug a porcupine, but the porcupine isn't so sure he wants to be hugged!

The latest contest winner Laurie Isop and illustrator Gwen Millward aren't afraid to ask the pointed questions!

How Do You Hug a Porcupine? Details

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Taylor Shannon says

This book covers how to approach hugging all different kinds of animals. Porcupines, however, seem like they are impossible to hug. Throughout the book, the author compares how to hug other animals to how impossible it seems to hug porcupines. In the end, it is revealed how to hug a porcupine: very carefully.

This book was very neat! It would be great for young children. I loved the rhymes and illustrations on each page. This was a very creative and adorable book!

This would be a great book to read soon after connecting with your class. It also is a great way to get the lesson of not judging someone on first impressions. It is important to always give people chances.

Fjóla says

I was pleasantly surprised by this book by a new author Laurie Isop: In rollicky rhyme, a book about hugging (sort of). The somewhat bland cover doesn't really do the book justice, as the pictures in the book are genuinely cute and fun! Considering one animal after the other, made us tangentially think of the lovely, now classic *Is Your Mama A Llama?*.

Carol Harlow says

So have you ever seen a real porcupine? Now imagine hugging one, ouch! Hugging a bunny or a bear are a lot easier to picture! I wouldn't know how to even begin to wrapping my arms around a porcupine.

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The latest contest winner Laurie Isop and illustrator Gwen Millward have done a fantastic job!

Leslie says

This book came in my box of Cheerios. The pictures of children attempting to hug various animals are adorable. The rhymes are so-so. For instance, the author rhymes "horse" with "of course", which made me think of the Mr. Ed theme song. The ending of the book is where we FINALLY learn how one hugs a porcupine--I won't spoil the ending, but it was a disappointment.

Amanda says

Have you ever thought of hugging a porcupine? I sure haven't and I have never thought how you would even go about it! this book addresses this problem. We all know how to hug dogs, cats and the occasional cow but a porcupine? I chose this book as my read aloud because of the bright pictures and the silliness it allows. While the story suggests that you hug a porcupine carefully, the pictures and words that get you there are so engaging, I wanted the story to keep going!

Lisa Vegan says

Right on the cover it says this book is the winner of the Cheerios (cereal) New Author Contest. Well, I'm glad they're supporting authors and books and reading. And they sure found a gem with this book and author, and with its illustrator too.

The rhyming story is wonderful, rhyming all the way through until the last page, which has just one word. The story is fun and funny and sweet. The only thing I didn't like was that there were a couple animals along the way that weren't hug worthy, and they looked rather sad about that.

I loved the pictures. I love the art style and the colors and the details, and I especially love the expressiveness of all the animals, and of the children too.

This is a fine book for reading aloud one to one or to groups and early readers will enjoy it too. ages 2-8

I love that in the author's bio it says the animal she'd most want to hug is an (unfortunately extinct) Caspian tiger, and I noticed that the illustrator for this book also illustrated a book I read earlier today, Guess What I Found in Dragon Wood.

Kathryn says

4.5 STARS

This book is so darn cute!!! :-)) I am a fan of Gwen Millward's illustrations already (esp. The Bog Baby) and this is another charming work. The story is adorable, too. It's very easy to hug some animals ("Can you hug a horse? Of course!" and hugging a cat or dog is not so hard, you can hug them in your own backyard!) BUT "How do you hug a porcupine?" I love seeing all the different animals getting their hugs (this would be a nice one for vegetarian/vegan families since farm animals are included but they are all seen being loved) and I love the tenacity of the child trying to hug the porcupine. As my friend Lisa pointed out in her review, I did feel a bit sorry for a few of the animals that no one wanted to hug--but the final illustration shows most of them being hugged or about to be hugged. And the final solution to hugging a porcupine is just great!

The story won the Cheerios New Author contest. I think it's great Cheerios encourages new authors and I also feel the story is strong enough that no one should think of it as "less than" for winning a Cheerios contest vs. something more "literary". The rhyme scheme isn't perfect, but it's still a good read.

On a deeper level, I think the message of this story is so great because we sometimes meet "prickly" people in our lives but if we really want/need to get to know them, we can often overcome that prickly exterior and

sometimes they will often met us half way once they know we want to be friends :-)

Camila says

This is one of my all time favorite books! My Kindergarten mentor teacher took me to the book fair and bought me several books including this one. The book goes through several animals and talks about ways to hug them. The illustrations are wonderful and it rhymes from the first page to the last. The reason I gave it four stars was because it makes it sound like some animals aren't worthy of being hugged which I don't like. I think that it's an easy read especially for emerging readers.

Amy Forrester says

Most animals are easy to hug. You can hug a dog or cat in your own backyard and you might need a ladder, but hugging a giraffe is doable. Elephants like to be hugged around their trunks and baby chicks like sweet, little hugs. But how do you hug a porcupine? Why, very carefully of course!

The gently rhyming text and short sentences make this a wonderful book for a read aloud with toddlers. The bright illustrations, set against a mostly white background, feature a gang of multiracial children who just love to give hugs. The illustrations are large enough for a group storytime, but also include humorous details, such as the little boy putting marshmallows on the porcupine quills.

Full Review at Picture-Book-a-Day: <http://picturebookaday.blogspot.com/2...>

Jon(athan) Nakapalau says

Wonderful book! Brought a much needed smile to my face!

Treasure says

A picture book by first time author and Renton, WA, resident Laurie Isop, who won the Cheerios New Author contest. The premise of her book is that everyone deserves a hug! The rhyming text talks all about the different animals you can hug and how to hug them, but the question keeps coming up—How do you hug a porcupine?! Of course, we learn in the end that you hug one very carefully! The illustrations are soft and cute, and readers will enjoy the rhyme, rhythm, and silly story.
(Reviewed for Puget Sound Council)

Kathy says

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Emily Tidwell says

This unique story is full of colorful illustrations about many different animals including the Porcupine. Most people believe that it is not possible to hug a porcupine, due to its sharp quills. However, IT IS VERY POSSIBLE! One must hug a porcupine with a gentle touch. The author says "it has to be hugged very CAREFULLY."

I first choose this book based on the cover. It immediately grabs your attention, because everyone knows you are not supposed to hug a porcupine. This book is a delightful story that would be enjoyable for younger kids, maybe between the ages of kindergarten until 8 years old. This book would be a fun book to read aloud in an elementary classroom. In addition to reading this book, one could teach about not judging a book by its cover per se. Then the instructor can go one to talk about how sometimes we judge our peers by how they dress, act, or smell but that doesn't mean anything. We should all reach out to everyone equally and give them a chance.

Brianna says

Grade Levels: P-2

* A cute book to read aloud during the first day of school or first few weeks of school to encourage students to meet new people and make new friends; teaches character traits such as courage and kindness; integrates science with literacy by introducing different animals to students; discuss with students some ways that they might show themselves courageous or friendly throughout the school year

Jessica Sommers says

This book tells a story about how easy it is to approach and hug all different kinds animals. However, a porcupine is one animal that does not seem possible to hug because it looks so prickly. Throughout the book, the author lists all these animals, but keeps on referring back to the porcupine. By the end of the book, the author reveals that it is possible to hug the porcupine, it just has to be done carefully.

I thought this an adorable book that would be great for younger children!

My favorite aspects of this book were all the rhymes and illustrations that go along with each page. I loved the very last page of the book when the author says the way to hug a porcupine is "carefully". Very creative book!

This would be a great book to use in the classroom to teach children that even if someone may not seem nice at first, to still always give him or her a chance.
