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From the beloved *New York Times* bestselling author of *I Wish You More*, Amy Krouse Rosenthal, a delightful book of fanciful equations.

Whether it's "wishes + frosting = birthday" or "birds + buds = spring," each equation is a small delight. *This Plus That* proves that life's total experience is always greater than the sum of its parts.

This book can be used to introduce equations or even some basic life lessons. Its warm and amusing tone invites readers to come up with their own life equations, and it makes a creative gift.

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Chris Hays says

This is a whimsical "story" or poem. I like turning math into words and of course Amy had a way of making us see emotion in everyday things. That said, I prefer many of her other stories. Chalk this one up under cute and fascinating the way words are used.

Brenda says

Another charming book by Amy Krouse Rosenthal. I have read almost all of her books, especially her picture books, but somehow I had missed this one. As with all of her books, her joyful outlook on life shines through, along with the acknowledgment of the realities of a child's life: friendship, seasons, school and so much more. The illustrations are perfect companions for the equations throughout the book. As I read it, I was reduced to a puddle of tears.....the author recently passed away and all I could think was "how can someone this full of life be gone, and so soon?????!!!" Author Amy Krouse Rosenthal plus illustrator Jen Corace equals one perfect picture book.

Susan says

I wish this book had been around about 5 years ago - I love the "messages" - "chores divided by everyone = family" - I think it's a great book for manner introduction and Golden Rule introduction and thinking "outside the box". I also would love to see a second book because I think this author has more to say here and maybe some things got left out of this book, due to length considerations...reminds me somewhat of 'A Hole Is To Dig'

Relyn says

I love, love, love this book!

Classroom Connections

In math we have to teach second graders the term equations. It can confuse them sometimes. I think this might be a great tie-in and a wonderful idea for a class book Each student can create their own page with their own equation. For me it might be husband + daughter + 2 dogs = happy home

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I still love, love, love this book!

Jessie says

I wouldn't really classify this as a math book. It uses plus in some distinct ways/meanings (red+blue = purple, but red+orange+yellow+green+blue+indigo+violet = rainbow). That said, it did use the not equals sign, which was cool!

I don't agree with all the equations, but this was fun.

Jo Oehrlein says

Interesting combinations. Does use the does-not-equals sign, which may not be familiar to everyone.

It would be fun to ask people to pick an equation that they disagreed with and explain why.
(For me, maybe tall + coffee = adult.)

Neat concept and the illustrations express it well.

Shari says

Such a clever idea. Such a beautiful book.

Elisabeth says

I just like the way Amy Krouse Rosenthal writes. She and Jen Corace are wonderful collaborators too. The playful and lovely text is matched perfectly with the pictures.

Gwen Ayler says

For some reason when I requested this I didn't read the description and I just assumed it was a math picturebook. I'm so glad I was wrong, this was adorable. It'd be a great one to sit down and digest with a little one.

Sarah says

Amy Krouse Rosenthal + children = magic! This is another joyful book celebrating the good things in life: friendship, art, love, birthdays. Items are added up to equal that special feeling - for example: somersaults + somersaults + somersaults = dizzy! I like the positive ones best, rather than "blaming + eye rolling does not equal sincere apology." Sweet watercolor illustrations with plenty of white space are a great design match.

Laura says

I really liked this fun and sweetly illustrated book. Amy Krouse Rosenthal has created math equations for life.

chalk + sitting = school

chalk + jumping = hopscotch

The combinations are fun and playful and a few address some of the larger truths in life too.

good days + bad days = real life

once upon a time + happily ever after = pretend

Perfect for children just learning to add, older elementary school students can also enjoy creating their own examples of life's little equations.

Clare Cannon says

What a delightful picture book! The only way to convey its magic is to give you a sample of the wisdom it puts so simply...

1 + 1 = Us

smile + wave = hello

wishing + frosting = birthday

anything + sprinkles = better

violin + flute + saxophone + cello + trumpet + clarinet + percussion = symphony

blaming + eye rolling ≠ sincere apology

"I'm sorry" + hug = sincere apology

mumbling + toe staring ≠ polite

handshake + "how are you" = polite

practice + practice = learning

practice + practice + practice = mastering

chores ÷ everyone = family

good days + bad days = real life

once upon a time + happily ever after = pretend

book + chair = cozy

And my personal favourites:

soul + colour = art

soul + words = literature

soul + sound = music

soul + movement = dance

and

(every star in the sky + the sun + the moon) x my heart = I love you to the infinite power

Happily reviewed for www.GoodReadingGuide.com

Nadine says

Delightful little book of addition but in an unconventional sense - worked perfectly for math week / Pi day and at the end having students make their own "equations"

babyhippoface says

Cute and clever. Teachers looking for books to inspire "out of the box" thinking may appreciate this terrific little book that takes mathematical equations and applies them to real life:

yes + no = maybe

chalk + sitting = school

chalk + jumping = hopscotch

somersaults + somersaults + somersaults = dizzy

blaming + eye rolling ≠ sincere apology

"I'm sorry" + hug = sincere apology

Robin says

Reminds me a bit of A Hole is to Dig, with a twist. The definitions here are equations. Some are similar, starting from the same item, but adding something different has a different result (of course), such as "chalk + sitting = school" but "chalk + jumping = hopscotch." All children will probably find something to identify with. I know one of my children would love "anything + sprinkles = better." Some are contrasts, as in "small + bottle = baby" but "tall + coffee = grownup." My favorite is "soul + " several items -- add color = art, add words = literature, and so forth. A clever concept. Lots of white space, nice design. Appealing children (active, smiling, slightly abstract in style) (though not very diverse). Fun for preschoolers and kindergarteners; elementary children could probably be inspired to create their own equations.
