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**The sky's no limit in a witty picture book about a child on a swing and the wonders of the imagination.**

One child. One swing. An obliging dad. The inevitable plea to go "Higher! Higher!" Add Leslie Patricelli's wildly expressive illustrations, and an everyday pastime reaches new heights of humor and whimsy. How high can it go? Higher than a giraffe? Taller than a mountain? Is Earth the final frontier? The creator of a popular series of board books rises to the occasion with an ingenious picture book of very few words that expresses the giddy glee of being pushed in a swing.

## Higher! Higher! Details

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## **From Reader Review Higher! Higher! for online ebook**

### **Kathleen Laratta says**

This is a good storytime book. I used it for a space theme and definitely elaborated on the simple text. There is a lot to talk about with the pictures.

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### **Milton Moon Louie says**

The girl on the swing went unbelievably high! B

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### **Calvin says**

Fun to read as my mom lifts me higher, higher, higher!

Read at Bridgeton Trails Library Lap Time with Miss Tess.

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### **Alyssa Tabor says**

Adorable book about a toddler's perception of swinging. Should work for baby storytime.

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### **Nia King says**

How high can you go? The little girl's height increases as you turn each page leaving the reader in suspense. The illustrations are everything in this book. Great way for kids to use their imagination.

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### **N\_sally says**

I loved this picture book because the illustrations so clearly show the fantasy world where your imagination can take you. An unnamed little girl is being pushed on a swing by her father. The words simply say, "Higher! Higher!" As you turn each page, you see how much higher her imagination is taking her on the swing. First, she is looking at a giraffe in the eye. Next she is pointing at kids on top of a skyscraper. She gives a thumbs up to a climber at the peak of a mountain. By the middle of the book she is greeting aliens in outer space. All the way up and all the way down, the little girl's face depicts the pure joy of imagining you are in far away places. The last page ends with an illustration of her hugging her dad from the swing and the word, "Again!"

The illustrations are childlike drawings done in bold colors with black outlines so they stand out. The faces

of the dad and girl are almost like stick people drawings and yet their expressions of happiness are clear. I will use this book to demonstrate several things to my first graders. First, I will express the many text to self connections I made. When I was a little girl, my swing set was my favorite toy and I loved to imagine I was flying places, too. When I became a mother, I would push my own children on the swing and help them imagine they were going to kick a cloud or fly to the moon. I will use it to encourage my students to use their imaginations to take them to faraway places. I will also use it as a model in writers' workshop to show how pictures can tell a story with only a few well chosen words. I think "Higher! Higher!" would be a great book to use with preschoolers-first grade.

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### **Archit Ojha says**

There is a lot of imagination involved with this one. How much higher can you go in a swing? Can you reach to the space? Oh, anything is possible.

The "High Five" came out as a surprise. Recommended for toddlers.

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### **Lizzie says**

Read at storytime. The toddlers I read to were pretty lost to the overall concept of changing perspective, but enjoyed the repetition in the text. The five year old crowd however found so much of it hilarious and enjoyable. Each page for them, was like a "Oh no she didn't!" moment. One kid even said "WOW, what could be HIGHER than that!??!" at one point. It was a good book to encourage imagination and creative thinking. The illustrations are clear and playful.

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### **Kristin Maguire says**

An author/illustrator duo that understands its toddler audience--simple and silly!

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### **Mariam says**

This. Girl. Is so. me.

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### **Liza Gilbert says**

This very short picture book shows a girl who swings higher and higher with each pass. She sees different objects at each level, until the whole process goes backward as she goes down. It's cute, but short and not really memorable.

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### **The Library Lady says**

I just loved this book. It only uses a handful of words, and that's all it needs. A little girl goes "higher higher" on a swing and her imagination and Patricelli's bright bold pictures takes her all the way to outer space and home again. My guess is that she won't be the only one saying "again" when this book is shared with a child.

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### **Katy says**

Prefer my picture books with a few more words, unless the art is amazing. Doable for storytime, I'm sure, but I don't think I'll use it.

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### **Sarah says**

A very simple but fun book. I enjoyed reading it to a group of two-year olds and caregivers. We had already talked about how one might get into space, so getting there on a swing was a fun diversion. The repeated refrain "Higher! Higher!" was something everyone could participate in, and we also enjoyed the bright colorful illustrations.

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### **J says**

Solid. It's simple, but it's pretty good for all ages. It has few words and easily-digestible illustrations, which is all great for toddlers and keeps their attention. But there are fun little details that are easier for preschoolers to pick up on, so it's good for them, too. And older kids who are already in school will get just how ridiculous it is that she swings as high as she does. This is a winner.

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