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When it comes to children's books, it's hard to beat the bestselling team of author Laura Numeroff and illustrator Felicia Bond for creative and captivating tales that are both fun and educational. They continue the tradition that began with such whimsical titles as *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* and *If You Give a Moose a Muffin* with yet another tale of actions and consequences: *If You Give a Pig a Pancake*. Once again, Numeroff follows the potential effects of one creature's chaotic demands, creating a tale filled with beguiling characters, delightful anticipation, and a fun sense of adventure.

In addition to being humorous and entertaining, *If You Give a Pig a Pancake* allows children to see how their own constant demands might frazzle their parents. Kids should also enjoy studying the subtleties in Bond's colorful illustrations, such as the facial expressions of the book's adorable protagonist or the details found in a mountain of bubbles and the contents of a closet. Easy to understand, stimulating to both mind and eye, and irresistibly amusing, this is one book children will likely want to read over and over again.

--Beth Amos

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Josh Caporale says

THESE are the kinds of children's books I enjoy and feel that children should be reading or having read to them! This is a modern classic that is placed in the series of books that includes "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" and "If You Give a Moose a Muffin." One zany thing leads to another and it is just wacky and hilarious. At the same time, children will almost definitely understand everything that is going on in this "if and then" arrangement. The pig is quite adorable, while also being quite funny herself. This is definitely a children's book that should be in your child's book collection!

Bookishrealm says

This was a cute picture book. I loved the fact that when the pig got one thing it led to a whole bunch of different things. I don't really have much to say about it except that the artwork was beautiful and now I'm interested in checking out her other stories.

One more, please! says

My kids absolutely love the *If You Give a* series by **Laura Numeroff**. In this installment we meet pig and learn about the chaos that will ensue if we were to give a pig a pancake. The story is fun and silly, the illustrations are cute and appropriate for youngsters.

Katie Paciga says

This is a story about a little girl who tries to satisfy the desires of a pig. The story begins when the little girl gives the pig a pancake and snowballs from there. Next, the pig wants syrup and then she gets sticky so she'll need a bath. The story goes on and on and eventually ends up where she [the pig] wants more pancakes, which leaves the reader feeling like it's a never-ending story. The illustrations by Felicia Bond present the little pig's actions fairly well, but the layout can be confusing for children because multiple scenes are presented on each two-page spread (hence only 3 stars).

I can't help but think of "The Song that Never Ends" from Lamb Chop's Play Along (a television program for young children (here's a youtube video of the song from the program <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZNaec...> - good luck getting that one out of your head!). All of Numeroff's If You Give...series have similar circular plot structures. This one is my favorite of the series with If You Give a Moose a Muffin coming in a close second place.

I found this lesson idea on TeachingBooks.net. It suggests using the book as a foundation for an economics lesson (<http://www.kidseconposters.com/litera...>). I'd expand on some of the conversation starters and actually have 2-3rd graders do a research project in which they determine how much money the girl would need to fulfill the wants of the pig.

The published lexile for this title is 570 and the guided reading level is G, indicating that a child in grades 2-3 should be able to read it independently. "If You Give A Pig A Pancake" would be appropriate for a read aloud PreK-2.

Rachel Hatcher says

Summary:

This book is about a young girl caring for her pig. The pig is demanding, with one thing leading to having to do another thing (for example giving the pig a pancake, the pig wanting syrup, but then the pig gets sticky and needs a bath). The pig has the girl do many things, but they eventually all lead back to wanting a pancake to go with her syrup.

Evaluation:

This was another one of my favorite books to read as a kid, and it has not changed as rereading it as an adult. This book has great illustrations and keeps the interest of the reader by so many events happening at a quick pace.

Teaching Point:

I think this is a great book for lower grades. The students could learn about sequential order through this book.

Jennifer says

This book made me exhausted. This is one messy and chaotic pig. I do admire her love of maple syrup. Orianna, on the other hand, seemed a bit mystified by the antics and the girl characters willingness to follow the pig's whims. In the end, the important part is that she understands the relationship between syrup and pancakes. Job done.

Heather McMaster says

This is a story with a theme of consistency and caretaking. In this story the little pig receives a pancake from a young girl, but then the pig continues to ask for more and more. The little girl persists in his wants, and it is humorous to see the pig's destruction. This book is for beginning reading levels. The format is fun since it is a continuous flow from one need to another for the pig. This children's picture book is hilarious and joyful!

As a teacher I would use this book to teach young students about appreciation. I'd have them read this story with me, and then I'd have them think of someone that helps them a lot, such as a parent or sibling. Next, I'd have my students write thank you notes to the people that they think help them out the most. This would be a cute writing exercise for lower elementary students to do.

Numeroff, L., & Bond, F. (1998). If you give a pig a pancake. New York: Laura Geringer Book.

Becca Wilson says

If You Give a Pig a Pancake is a thrilling story about what would happen if you were to give a pig a pancake, and although it seems harmless, this story proves that you would be in for quite the day. The pig would probably want syrup, then a bath, new clothes, to tap dance, wear a costume, send a letter, take a picture, and eventually want a pancake all over again! The main theme of this story is that sometimes when you have lots of demands for someone, it can get crazy and that person gets tired.

I love this story because I personally love pigs, and I think the little illustrations are absolutely hilarious. The pig's facial expressions are so cute, and the illustrations make the story seem that much crazier. I love it when picture books have funny illustrations and I found myself laughing out loud several times while reading this because of the pig's crazy antics.

I would recommend this book to young children, because the story will captivate them and keep them focused, since you are constantly anxious about what happens next. I think this story can also teach young children that their actions affect other people, and can lead to a discussion about using manners and asking for favors instead of demanding them.

Renia Mckenzie says

this is a cute little story.

Paige Graham says

It all started with, "If you give a mouse a cookie.." This series, I feel like, has been around for a very long time. I think I enjoy these the most because although the animal and object might change in the book, they all go together in different ways so in the end, they all lead back to..."If you do this....Then this"

Zethu says

Good grief, after my nephew shoved this book in my face the fourth time I gave it a whirl. I'm glad I did. The combination of detail in the art and the sweat surrealism in the story made me turn the pages not to convince my nephew, but because I wanted to see where it was going(embarassing considering it's a children's book!). My nephew enjoyed it and so did I and that's why I recommend you get a copy and find out just what happens If You Give a Pig a Pancake.

Archit Ojha says

Kids are going to love this If You Give series by Laura Joffe. The fun is to the point. I can really imagine how happy children are going to be when they get to know what happens when they give a pancake to a pig!

Reham says

If you give a pig a pancake:6-8

I liked this story; it gives you so many ideas to work with, such as pancake lesson, Sequence, what comes after each steps. Teach the children very nice things like when you want to send a letter what should you do first, write the letter down, then put it in the envelop and put stamps and take it to the mailbox. Another thing is the tree house, what you need when you want to build one. Also the story shows how much the girl care about her pet.

Learning experience:

Teacher can make cards with pictures with each steps in the story such as pancake, syrup, bath, rubber duck, camera, envelope, tree house; and let the children put the story in order and ask them what happened in each step

Molly Jasper says

I love this book

Zequoia Hyche says

I think that this book is very expressive in the way that it was both written and illustrated. I like how the events that took place are displayed in sequential order. It helps readers to understand that once the pig has done something, this is what happens next all the way to the end of the book. But what is neat-is that once you reach the end of the book... it sets the story back up as if the sequence would start over again. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and the children that I work with seem to love it too. They can almost quote what is going to happen next!
