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First recorded in 1967 by Louis Armstrong, and with sales of over one million copies, "What a Wonderful World" has become a poignant message of hope for people everywhere. Sweet and positive in its message, with bright, beautiful art, this book is sure to be a hit. Perfect for sharing!

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From Reader Review What a Wonderful World for online ebook

Diana Turnbull says

1. Awards the book has received (if any): No awards received
 2. Appropriate grade level(s): Pre-K-2nd Grade
 3. Original 3-line summary: With the exact words to the famous song by Louis Armstrong, this book can be sung or read to children. The whimsical, beautiful illustrations will engage a reader of any age. It also incorporates people from all over the world in various cultural settings.
 4. Original 3-line review: "What a Wonderful World" is an amazing story to promote classroom community and acceptance of all people. The illustrations and words combined send the message that this world is a extraordinary place, and we make it that way due to our differences. This story can be taught to students and sung along with the original tune or just alone.
 5. 2-3 possible in-class uses: Classroom community read-aloud/song, song book lesson, diversity project
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Heidi-Marie says

I have always loved this song. Brings me close to tears sometimes. I liked the illustrations. This brings it to a kids' level of seeing the wonder, but applying that to the world and not just the immediate things around them. This will be good in preschool ST. Might even be able to adapt this for my special needs ST.

7/20/16 Used in "W is for..." theme. I debated whether I should sing the lines to them or not. Couldn't bring myself to it. So I just read the words. The kids liked the pictures. One or two picked up on the repeated "what a wonderful world" phrase. Not bad. I played a youtube video of the song afterwards so they could hear it. I think they liked that. Definitely sweeter for us adults who know the song and the depth in its meaning.

Donnisha Walls says

When I picked this book to read, I thought it would be different than the song we all know. Turns out its the song we all know. I loved the illiustrations in this book. It was very vibrant, colorful and positive. As I read the book I felt uplifted and seeing the illustrations along with the words made me happy. This was a good book to read to children when helping them see how we are more alike than different from each other.

Brett says

Lots of Kids books gonna be on this feed in the next few years since I'm Daddin' hard so be warned.

This one gets a lower rating only because it's based on an existing song and it's kinda hard to distance yourself from Louis Armstrong's voice as you read it. That said, totally killer art by Tim Hopsgood. The narrator and other kids illustrated here are ethnically diverse in a way I want my daughter to notice, because that's the world I want her to live in.

Beyondthebookends says

Gorgeous pictures accompany the words to the famous song. This book is a modern lullaby with a message of peace and love.

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Laura McLoughlin says

Loved. Impossible to read without wanting to sing along. Plan to get this one for baby #2 soon.

Kris says

Bright, colorful illustrations make this adaptation of the song very kid-friendly. My only complaint is that it misses the feel of the song - the melancholy in the joy, and the fleeting nature of it all. That might be a bit much for a picture book, though. ?

A Allen says

I love the illustrations in this book and I read/sing it pretty much daily to my current class of two year olds. I do not the lyric about "what they're really saying" because I want my students to learn to say what they mean and not to start making assumptions about what people could mean, but I also know that I am probably the only person who reads that much into it.

Mama Bibliosoph says

It is impossible not to feel the purest joy that radiates from this book. The illustrations, which beautifully and literally realize the well-known lyrics in a fun, retro style, set a happy tone. All that's needed to complete the spell is an adult to do their best Louis Armstrong impression.

If you think about it, What a Wonderful World has always been a song about colors and light. There are "trees of green, "red roses," "skies of blue," "clouds of white," and rainbows. There is also both a "bright blessed day," and a "dark sacred night." My son Luke was excited to point to these color elements and label them. Kids with autism usually learn to label colors in their first teaching programs, so color language becomes highly reinforcing.

Luke also easily caught on to the repetition of the line "What a wonderful world" and especially enjoyed the page filled with hearts for the lyric "I love you."

I review books for children from the perspective of a parent of kids with autism. The review above is part of a longer post on books about singalong books: <https://www.lineupthebooks.com/40-sin...>

Sylvester says

10* art

5* concept

Nothing could be quite so cheerful and happy as the illustrations in this book. We sing through this book together, Squirt and I, and always get stuck on the rainbow page, where he picks a colour and pretends to slide down the rainbow. Lots of fun. Wish we owned this one.

2016 Update:

Still loving this book. Have borrowed it multiple times. May be one of our all-time favorite song/story kid's books ever - which is a genre unto itself, by the way, and a whole lot of fun.

Chrissy says

So far, this book has not caught my toddler's attention, but I keep turning to it in an effort to engage him with the beautiful illustrations and the even more beautiful lyrics. I think this would be a wonderful gift for the new parents in your life.

J.C. says

The magic of this verse is timeless. And these images are delightful!

Sheri says

Songs can tell the most wonderful stories. I'm loving these books with their bright and colorful pictures!

Jocelin says

A really great book to introduce little ones to a creative world of delights. It's also a great way to learn the lyrics of the great song immortalized by Louis Armstrong. It also teaches about colors. Really great book.

Jenn says

Love singing this to my baby. He likes to look at the illustrations and am happy the child in the book looks like my son. :D
