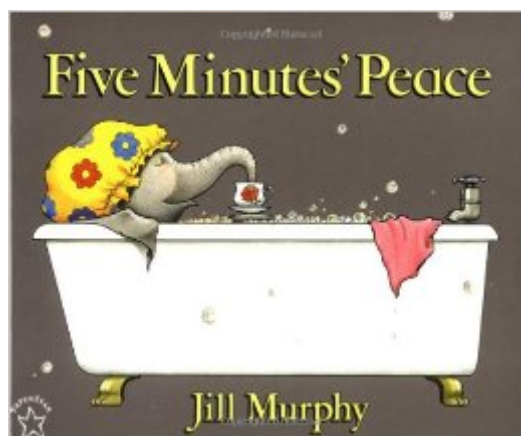


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# Five Minutes' Peace



## Synopsis

All Mrs. Large wants is five minutes' peace from her energetic children, but chaos follows her all the way from the kitchen to the bath and back again.

## Book Information

Age Range: 2 - 5 years

Lexile Measure: 360 (What's this?)

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## Customer Reviews

All mothers will easily be able to relate to Mrs. Large. Mrs. Large just wants five minutes of peace away from her three children, so she decides to take a bath. Minutes later her children join her, one by one, and end up in the bathtub with her. Finally she has had enough, and goes downstairs "where she had three minutes and forty-five seconds of peace before they all came to join her." Mrs. Large and her family are all elephants, which causes for some absolutely wonderful drawings. My favorite is probably when she is sitting in the bathtub, sipping tea, while wearing a yellow flowered shower cap. The pictures in general are really cute, colorful and expressive. The story is told in a very straightforward, endearing manner. In my opinion, this is a great book. Loggie-log-log-log

I discovered this book years ago while staying over at my aunt's house. My little cousin woke me up early and was bouncing around the room excited for me to be visiting. I grumbled, and he very seriously asked me "would you like 5 minutes peace?" I was so excited! I said "Yes!" and cuddled back under the covers.... just to have him crawl in bed next to me and hand me this book. I laughed

so hard I though I was going to fall off the bed!! Now its a favorite of mine, and my cousin is giving it to my Baby (pregnant and due in June) as a "welcome to the family" gift.As an actual review of the book: Its adorable. Perfectly captures a Mom's love for her children, while simultaneously wanting to just get a few minutes alone every once and a while.

This was one of the boys' favorite books when they were small! And mine too. I never tired of reading it to them! My aunt is a child psychologist and has this and others by Jill Murphy in her waiting room. There are too many parents out there feeling guilty.....this book will take the sting out of guilt and replace it with the knowledge that you are not the only parent who just wants five minutes of peace and quiet!!!!

I read this book to my kids 25 year ago and still love the story just as much as I did then. Any mother of several young children will appreciate Mrs. Large's quest to take a bath. Any mother can relate to how the children react when mom tries to take a bath! This book is classic and one of my all time favorite children's books. My sister-in-law sent it to me 25 years ago when we had four children under five years of age. I read it to the kids almost every night for a year! Delightful story. Great illustrations. The board book is sturdy and good quality.

I love this book. My kids' preschool used it for a learning project before mother's day and made bath salts for a Mother's Day present. The best part of the gift was that they came to understand when I needed "Five Minutes' Peace" every once in a while.

I love, love, love this book. Funny with great drawings. When I was pregnant, I was like 'humph'. But now you can see the patience and love in Mama Elephant. And I really love the opening lines: The children were having breakfast. It was not a pretty sight."

This was a favorite book of mine when my thirty-something children were young. It always seemed that when I jumped in the shower or tub, there was a knock on the door that needed my attention. This was purchased as a gift for a friend who has two preschoolers. I thought she would enjoy reading it to them.

I saw this book at a book fair and decided it would be a great way to demonstrate to the kids how mommy needs some peace too. I read the book to the kids with a british accent. They seem to

really enjoy that.

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