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Nicky The Jazz Cat



Synopsis

â œIâ™ve worked with the best cats around, and Nicky is one of a kind. This sweet and soulful jazz cat followed his dream and came out a winner. I love him and so will the kids!â • â ”Quincy Jones â œNicky the Jazz Cat teaches young people about humor, improvisation, and individuality. His swinging adventures with his special jazz friends will inspire and delight children as they learn. Nicky is one cool cat!â • â ”Wynton Marsalis When a jazz-loving kitten named Nicky meets a legendary trumpet player, he learns how to play jazz and word travels fastâ ”soon all the top musicians hear about this jazz cat and want to play with him. This charming story is illustrated with photographs of Nicky with jazz greats Roy Eldridge, Lionel Hampton, Lena Horne, Quincy Jones, Abbey Lincoln, and Gerry Mulligan as they meet and make friends. The colorful graphics and rhyming textâ ”call and response conversation between Nicky and his new musician friendsâ ”reflect the humor, rhythm, and spirit of jazz itself. Nicky the Jazz Cat teaches children about the magic of jazz, the value of friends and mentors, and the power of imagination and originality. Children and adults alike will delight in his journey from curious jazz kitten to acclaimed jazz cat.

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Customer Reviews

Nicky is a cat-- a fashionably all-black feline. In this book he’s rhyming his way through encounters with several jazz musicians. The text is fun, the book is beautiful, and the pictures are very, very cool. The Lena Horne shot is my favorite-- she is gazing elegantly down at Nicky. The author has

had a lifetime career of photographing Jazz musicians, and the Nicky pictures are my favorite. If only I can keep the baby from drooling on it until he's big enough to appreciate it!

A wonderful photo-filled rhyme story of this lucky cat Nicky and his cast of jazz music's greatest performers. I bought the book and CD, "Nicky's jazz for Kids" for my two young sons. They loved reading/singing the story and then they jammed along with the CD on their own instruments. This is a great opportunity for parents to get their kids turned onto jazz before they take them to see Wynton Marsalis at Lincoln Center. It really helps Jazz to be fun for kids to enjoy!

This book and its companion CD, "Nicky's Jazz for Kids" make a perfect gift for anyone who loves jazz, loves cats, or loves cats and jazz. My 5 y.o. daughter enjoys reading the book to us and equally loves hearing the great tunes on the CD. It's a welcome change from the standard saccharine children's music. Splurge on both items--Nicky won't disappoint!

(...)Nicky the Jazz Cat is a great book. I really like the pictures. This book made me get the jazz. This book has some rhyming. I REALLY like this book. Nicky is a black cat. This book is funny too. There are six people who are in it--Roy, Quincy, Lena, Gerry, Abbey and Hamp-- who are famous musicians or singers.

Carol Friedman blends her photographic art, her cat Nicky and her love for jazz in this easy to read treatment of this musical genre for children. Photographs of major jazz musicians (Quincy Jones, Lena Horne, Lionel Hampton, Roy Eldridge ...) alongside her cat Nicky capture the attention of youngsters. The vocabulary is hip, fun and informative. This is one of the better books about jazz for young children.

My husband and I received Nicky the Jazz Cat as a gift from a close friend before our baby was born. Our baby is only five months old but this has been her favorite book for three months already. Her eyes light up every time she sees the cute cat on the cover. It's the right length for bedtime reading - not too short and not too long - and has wonderful pictures and interesting varied fonts to get your child interested in words and letters, as well as several musical instruments and important jazz musicians. We read Nicky the Jazz Cat, Goodnight Moon, and Hush Little Baby as our routine and our baby has been sleeping through the night very regularly. I'd especially recommend this book for the young children (up to three years old) of anyone who is into jazz, or is a jazz musician.

This is the first book I ever bought with intention of giving it to my future children. I love jazz, and I love cats. The story is so adorable and the pictures of Nicky with jazz artists are great! Definitely recommend.

he asks for it to be read to him over and over and over..... what better praise could there be!

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