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What Do You Do With An Idea?





Synopsis

A New York Times Best Seller and award-winning book, What Do You Do With an Idea? is for anyone who's ever had a big idea. This is the story of one brilliant idea and the child who helps to bring it into the world. As the child's confidence grows, so does the idea itself. And then, one day, something amazing happens. This is a story for anyone, at any age, who's ever had an idea that seemed a little too big, too odd, too difficult. It's a story to inspire you to welcome that idea, to give it some space to grow, and to see what happens next. Because your idea isn't going anywhere. In fact, it's just getting started.Praise for What Do You Do With an Idea?National best seller, appearing in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, USA Today, and Publishers Weekly.Gold medal winner of the Independent Publishers Award, the Washington State Book Award, and the Moonbeam Children's Book Award. "What makes this message so unique is the simple but beautiful way it's delivered, in narrative and illustration, through the eyes and voice of an innocent and hopeful child. What Do You Do With An Idea? is a spectacular book for all ages and is a wonderful treasure for any home or school library." —The Children's Book Review "Despite the fact that it's Yamada's first time writing a children's book, it's had breakout success, selling over 300,000 copies since its publication date of January 2014." —Publishers Weekly

Book Information

Lexile Measure: AD340L (What's this?) Hardcover: 36 pages Publisher: Compendium Inc (February 1, 2014) Language: English ISBN-10: 1938298071 ISBN-13: 978-1938298073 Product Dimensions: 0.8 x 9 x 10.8 inches Shipping Weight: 1.1 pounds (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.8 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (394 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #142 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #6 in Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Friendship, Social Skills & School Life > Self-Esteem & Self-Respect Age Range: 5 - 8 years Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

Even if this lovely picture book had not won an independent Publishers Gold Book Award, it would

still deserve every bit of the attention which it has begun to receive. A young boy has something precious which he himself has created -- an idea, and despite the fact that others discourage and disregard it, he finds the inner strength to hold on to his idea, to nurture it, and to begin to keep it company. Eventually his idea goes on to do something really special...it shows the boy that it and therefore, he, has the power to change the world. If the reader peeks carefully at the little idea, one can see it begin to grow. It begins its life looking like an egg, a perfect metaphor as we wait for the idea to hatch, or break out of its confining shell. The boy's egg is a yellow-gold color that makes one think of the sun or of light...just as light illuminates, so can a nurtured idea. The discriminating reader (often an observant child!) may notice that midway into the story, the idea egg appears to be sporting a little crack, which continues to spread. Does this suggest that his idea is cracking or breaking? Oh no, reader...this little idea is about to sprout wings, burst from its shell, and take wing to change the world!Lovely sepia colored illustrations provide a perfect backdrop for the little golden idea as it grows. This book is gorgeous on all levels -- visually, emotionally, and creatively. A perfect gift for any child, or for any adult who enjoys a reminder once in a while (like me!) about the best aspects of our humanity.

I canâ [™]t say enough about how this book delivers a pivotal work, community and life lesson: Nurture your ideas and you can change the world. The story, gorgeously illustrated, takes a complex process and distills it in such a tender way so you will no longer be afraid of your most precious, earth-changing ideas. As an innovation coach for business and community leaders, this process of exploring, growing and freeing â ^out of the boxâ [™] ideas is usually a long-term process. In just a few beautifully illustrated pages, the book accomplishes what days and weeks of workshops try to. I am thrilled to be able to use it in my own work. A real treasure.

I purchased this book to read for March is Reading month for 2nd grade - We All loved it so much!!!! I gave the kids small wooden eggs with the word idea stamped on. I plan on reading this again for other grades - highly recomend!!!

My wife gave me this book. lâ [™]m in my 30's and working to make an idea I have a reality. The story and the art perfectly complement each other to create something that motivates and inspires. This book is great for anyone at any age and I canâ [™]t wait to share it with my young children.

I couldnâ ™t believe my eyes when I saw the title of this book!!!! meanâ | I am â œThe Idea Guyâ •

â | so seeing a book with this title immediately made me feel excited, happy, and jealous all at the same time!Excited because here was a book intended for children that was all about what to do, how to act, when you have an idea. The illustrations are gorgeous and the text is wonderful. Yes, written easy enough for a child to understand, but still whole and true when read by more seasoned eyes.Happy because I knew of at least 3 or 4 friends and relatives who were either just about ready to give birth, or had recently welcomed an imaginative new mind into the worldâ | and now I knew the perfect gift to give them from their olâ [™] buddy Don The Idea Guy...and Jealous because (dammit!) I didnâ [™]t think of this first!Here was a basic userâ [™]s manual in a format to help impact and foster the creativity of young minds and I missed the opportunity.Donâ [™]t YOU miss the opportunity to give a copy of this wonderful book to a young person who has yet to face the slings and arrows of critics. Let this book show them the proper care and feeding of their creative ideas before others rain on their parade.And while youâ [™]re at it, pick up a copy for your own bookshelf.You may end up discovering an idea or two thatâ [™]s been hanging around that you didnâ [™]t know what to do withâ |

After purchasing a single copy of this beautiful book to read to my grandchildren, I had to grab 3 more for gifts! It is a wonderful book for both children and adults, and the artwork is perfect.

The message in this book plants the seed of creativity, confidence and the ability to change the world with an idea. After reading it through once, I couldn't get it into the hands of my almost three year old son fast enough. What an incredible message for him to hear and learn at such a young age. The illustrations are so beautiful and unique that they caught his attention right away. He now asks for "MY idea" book every night. What a great way to go to bed dreaming.~Erin Bolte

This Wonderful book will inspire your kids and your whole family! The beautifully illustrated book considers how uncomfortable and wonderful it is to have a creative, unique idea...and paints a beautiful picture of how wonderful our ideas can be when we nurture them! An instant classic!

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