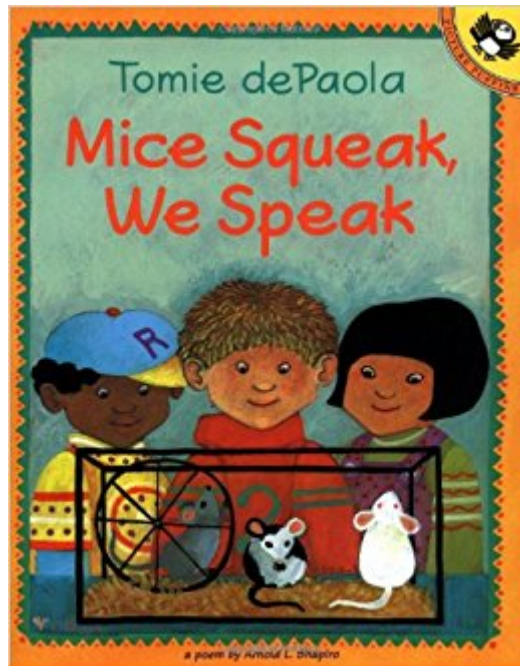




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Mice Squeak, We Speak



Synopsis

This delightful poem with art from renowned illustrator Tomie dePaola is a perfect first book for sharing with young children. Crickets creak. Mice squeak. Sheep baa. But I SPEAK! Three children lead us through a menagerie of animals and the sounds they make. Young children won't be able to resist roaring, hooting, and neighing along! "DePaola's exuberant illustrations in his best folk-art style will have kids joining in and shouting out the words." —Booklist, starred review

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Illustrated in gorgeous, muted hues, this board-book version of an elegantly simple poem is a picture perfect introduction to animal--and people--sounds for very young readers. Every page, framed in decorative borders, reveals a critter making noise: "Flies hum. / Dogs growl. / Bats screech. / Coyotes howl. / Frogs croak. / Parrots squawk. / Bees buzz. / But I talk!" The animal sounds emerge from or surround the animal itself; thus, "snore snore snore snore..." wafts drowsily out of the mouth of the slumbering bear as snow drifts around the edges of the den. Three children, of different ethnicities, make occasional, giggling appearances throughout, urging each other forward to let their own voices be heard: "But I speak!" "But I say!" "But I talk!" Award-winning artist Tomie dePaola (26 Fairmount Avenue) is in fine form with his luminous folk-art illustrations, which make a delightful accompaniment to Arnold L. Shapiro's friendly rhymes. (Baby to preschool)

--Emilie Coulter --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

PreSchool-Grade 1. DePaola's latest offering combines his wonderfully detailed folk-art illustrations with a poem by Shapiro originally entitled "I Speak, I Say, I Talk." Three wide-eyed, enthusiastic guides, two boys and a girl, bear the message that every living thing has something to utter, but only humans talk. Speech balloons encapsulate their words. The two characters who aren't speaking listen and watch their friend with happy facial expressions. Brilliant watercolors and a vignette-style format make this book a perfect choice for read-aloud sessions. The animals represented are shown in their natural habitats: the bear snores while hibernating in a cave, the sheep bleats in the meadow, the frog croaks in the pond, etc. However, Shapiro's poem uses sounds that are not commonly identified with that animal. For example, "Crickets creak" rather than chirp; "Flies hum" rather than buzz. Still, this is an entertaining presentation of a concept not commonly introduced to young children. Susan Garland, Maynard Public Library, MA Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

Great book for kindergarten shared reading!

This is our child's favorite book! We received it as a gift and I have bought several for friends with children because we like ours so much! It is perfect for a young baby: -Simple phrases-Colorful-Bold pictures-Lyrical/rhyming quality Not only is it a cute story but it has a lot of learning potential as well. As your child grows you can use it to teach animals, animal sounds, colors etc. My child loves to turn the pages (we have the board book) and hear the animal sounds. The pictures with children are a particular favorite. This book is great for distraction during diaper changes, too.

We love this book, it's so sweet and fun- sometimes we read it as is, and other times I read it and make all the animal sounds.

This is a very sweet book with about two words on each page, describing how different animals communicate. So, even though it is for the younger audience, it uses descriptive words to describe the sounds of animals. Doves coo, monkeys chatter, pigs squeal. There is a rhyme that makes it especially fun.

We love Tomie dePaola. This is a great book for kids under 2 who are learning animal sounds. The

pictures are vibrant and happy and the poem is fun to read. I'd love to frame some of these images for my nursery.

This is a cute book that any child will enjoy. It is an easy reader but has several levels of learning going on. The illustrations are nicely done and I appreciate the diversity with the children. :)

The book is in great condition and is very useful for my class!

Simple but very cute. Cartoon like pictures. Great for beginning readers.

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