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Lucy's Lovey

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Book Review

Title: Lucy's Lovey
Author: Betsy Devany
Illustrator: Christopher Denise
Reviewer: Ariel Woodbury
Publisher: Christy Ottaviano Books
Publication Year: 2016
ISBN: 9781627791472
Number of Pages: 40
Interest Level: Preschool
Rating: Dependable



Review

Lucy loves all of her baby dolls, but she loves Smelly Baby the most. Lucy does everything with Smelly Baby, but this makes Smelly Baby very...smelly! Lucy holds Smelly Baby out the car window after her family complains about her smelling, but Smelly Baby's arm rips off and Smelly Baby is lost! They stop the car, but no one can find Smelly Baby. A few days later, a package arrives with Smelly Baby! But Smelly Baby isn't smelly anymore. Someone must have washed her before returning her, so Lucy has to give Smelly Baby extra attention to get her back to her smelly self.

The illustrations in *Lucy's Lovey* are very detailed, but also very soft. Each page is illustrated, the eye-catching pictures taking up one or two whole pages. The word count on each page varies from a single word to multiple paragraphs. The book would have flowed better if there had been less variation; some pages took much longer to read than others. The simple plot would have been more poignant and higher energy if the book had been shorter. *Lucy's Lovey* may have too many words and too many pages, but the illustrations on those pages are excellent. Overall, *Lucy's Lovey* is a decent book.