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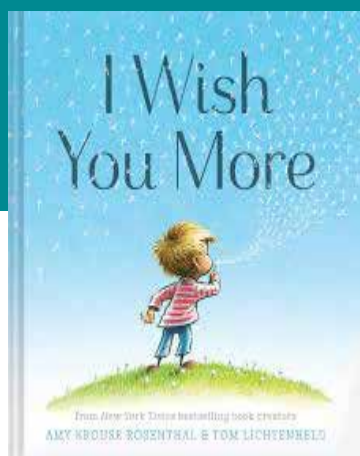
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Book Review

I Wish You More

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Rating

Excellent

Level

Toddler, Preschool,
Primary

Pages

40

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9780545441964

This tender book is a beautiful read-aloud to share with a loved one. The narrator of the book lists a series of wishes for the unidentified subject, each accompanied by a charming and quirky illustration that perfectly matches the text. On the page reading, “I wish you more tip-toes than deep,” for example, a bright spread of spiked swimming pool “waves” spans the whole of the two pages, with a cheerful little boy’s nose peeking up over the tips of them. A slightly smaller brightly colored picture book with lovely glossy pages and a happy message, children would be as eager to pick this out as their sentimental reader.

This book is positively charming. The intended audience for this book is probably very young children; however, the sweet message is universal. Parents especially would love reading and returning to the book with their children and it’s bound to become a household classic. The illustrations feature diverse and changing characters that play the role of “everyman.” Because the child in the story changes with each page, it’s easy for the reader to picture themselves as the subject of the wishes rather than a specific child imagined by the author. The pictures are bright and expression-filled and altogether represent a very whimsical perspective of childhood that is well-matched to the text and fun to read. A well thought-out picture book, this could be recommended to any young audience.