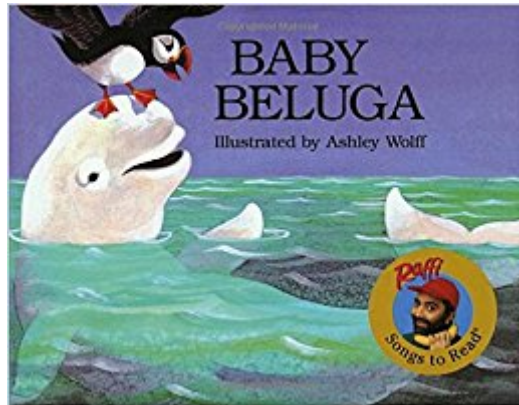


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Baby Beluga (Raffi Songs To Read)



Synopsis

Raffi's signature song and the top seller in his Songs to Read series, Baby Beluga is now available in a quality board book edition perfect for his youngest fans.

Book Information

Series: Raffi Songs to Read

Board book: 32 pages

Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers; Brdbk edition (August 12, 1997)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0517709775

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Product Dimensions: 5.3 x 0.7 x 6.8 inches

Shipping Weight: 7.8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.8 out of 5 stars 316 customer reviews

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Age Range: 3 and up

Grade Level: Preschool and up

Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2-- The song about this small, white whale has as its hero probably the best loved of all Raffi's creations. Children who are learning about the interdependence of all life on Earth, and of the crucial importance of preserving the fragile environment, will get a first, cheerful lesson about the natural world by becoming acquainted with enchanting Baby Beluga, swimming wild and free with his mother in the deep blue sea. He and his friends are somewhat anthropomorphic, in the interests of cuddliness, but this does the message no harm . The illustrations are a joy to behold, and the song has a rhythm and rhyme that make it easy to remember and sing. --Joan McGrath, Education Centre Library, Toronto, Ontario, CanadaCopyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc.

"Children will get a first, cheerful lesson about the natural world by becoming acquainted with an enchanting baby beluga. The illustrations are a joy, and the song's rhythm and rhyme make it easy to remember and sing."--School Library Journal

At 2 years old my youngest daughter fell in love with this song (illustrated here in board book form). At 3 1/2 she still loves this book and her 7 year old sister enjoys it too. The illustrations are artistic enough that my older daughter doesn't feel it is too "babyish", and yet are very realistic (to the extent that the baby whale is still somewhat animated) and subdued so that they are soothing for my younger child as well. It is a simple, catchy tune about a baby beluga whale. The pictures are engaging and my daughter loves this book as much as the song. She flips through the pages and from the illustrations generally knows when to turn the page along with the memorized lyrics that she knows. The words are completely true to the Raffi song. Several of the illustrations also contain other sea animals (puffin, walrus, etc.) that are fun for us to study the pictures and identify. The only trouble my daughter has is that on pages where there is only one beluga whale in the scene she is either sad for the baby that his mother is not there, or due to a trouble understanding proportions, thinks the baby is missing and the whale is the mother. Perhaps more could have been done to make the baby always visually distinct as such, but then again, she's only 3 :) -- my 7 year old and I both recognize the baby! The sweetest picture for me and the one my little one especially loves is the night time picture in which the mommy beluga whale is hugging her sleeping baby under her fin. I'm not a marine biologist, but I doubt this is how beluga whales sleep. Nonetheless, it strikes a chord with my co-sleeping toddler and helps to make this a great bedtime book!

Baby's favorite song, so of course we had to get the book. He LOVES it! We have to read it all the time...sometimes over and over. But it's worth it because it makes him happy.

Artwork is awesome. Bought this for a polar unit and also shows Inuit/Eskimo so also adds cultural diversity. I never listened to the song itself, but I am going to now ;-)

My favorite when I was child, just bought this for my son. I like that it is a hard book because he loves to bat at the pages as I sing it to him

I loved this song as a child and now my little one does too. This book is so fun to read or sing with. If you don't have this book on your child's book shelf, get it!

Love this book. You can sing along to the song when reading it to your child. All three of my kids loved the song and book. So gave it as a "card" at a baby shower.

This book is cute with pleasant pictures, with each musical phrase on its own page. We've checked the board book version of this book out from the library so many times, that it seemed time to invest in our own copy for my little 4 year old who loves Baby Beluga. The paper binding isn't as sturdy as the board book, as expected. The pages are quite a bit larger and font is larger than the board book version, which surprised me. As my son is 4, I didn't want to buy more board books. So far the book is holding up well to his love of this timeless classic.

Great book. Granddaughter loves giving the characters kisses as she looks at it.

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