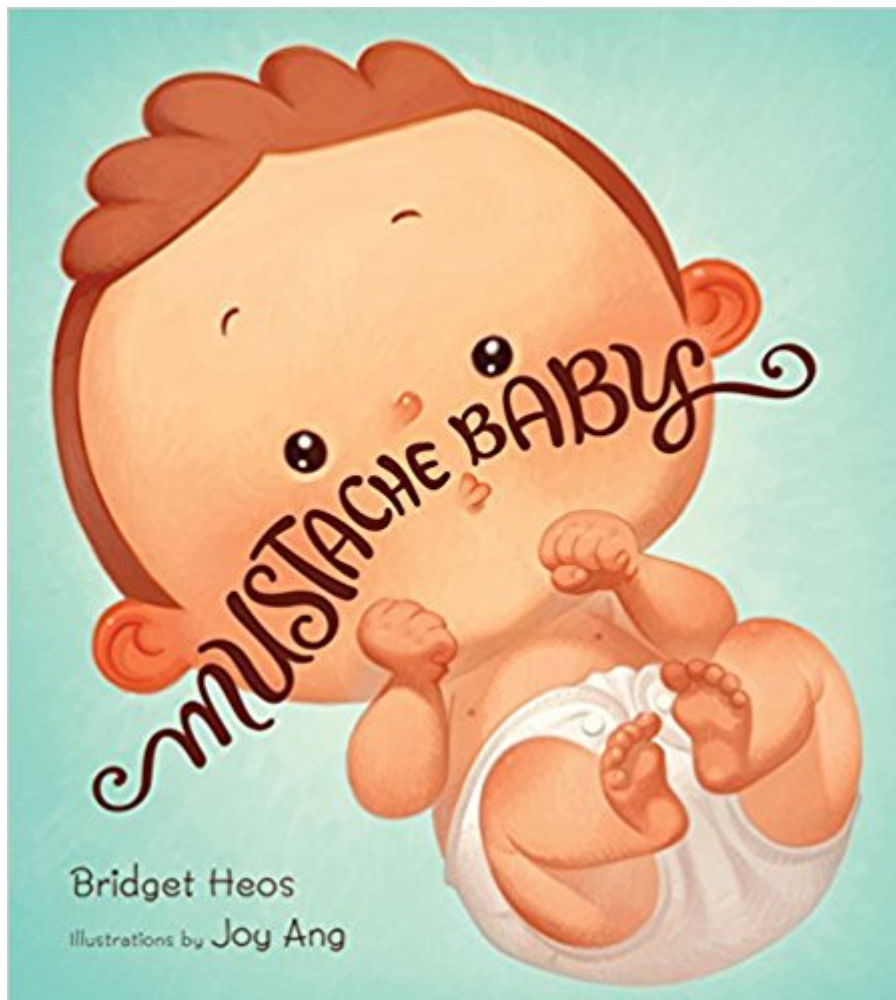




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Mustache Baby



Synopsis

When Baby Billy is born with a mustache, his family takes it in stride. They are reassured when he nobly saves the day in imaginary-play sessions as a cowboy or cop and his mustache looks good-guy great. But as time passes, their worst fears are confirmed when little Billy's mustache starts to curl up at the ends in a suspiciously villainous fashion. Sure enough, "Billy's disreputable mustache led him into a life of dreadful crime." Plenty of tongue-in-cheek humor and cartoonish illustrations make this the perfect baby-shower gift for a mustachioed father-to-be.

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Customer Reviews

K-Gr 1-This nonsense picture book is about a baby who is born with a mustache. As Billy grows up, the mustache informs his various identities: cowboy, ringleader, Spanish painter, sword fighter, and man of the law. But then, it grows and curls and becomes a bad-guy mustache. Billy then becomes a cereal criminal, a bank robber, and a cat burglar, and gets thrown in jail. Fortunately, his parents are able to reassure him that everyone has a bad-mustache day. Billy becomes a good guy again and scoots off to play with his new neighbor, a little bearded guy. Digitally rendered illustrations are saturated matte cartoons. For the most part, they mirror the text, although the humor is often in the

contradictions; while the narrator claims that "everyone loved having Officer Billy around," for example, his sister and brother glare at him for ruining their play. Quirky, silly fun.-Jennifer Miskec, Longwood University, Farmville, VA (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

It's apparent right from the start: Baby Billy has been born with a mustache. When asked what it means, the nurse replies that it depends on "whether it's a good-guy mustache or a bad-guy mustache." At first, it's good. He becomes a toddler lawman, catching thieves with their hands in the cookie jar. But as his mustache grows and curls up at the ends, Billy becomes bad. Very bad. Throughout, the text relies on puns that the intended audience may not catch as Billy becomes a cat burglar and then a cereal criminal. What children will delight in, however, is Ang's sturdy digital artwork, which gives her characters the heft of wooden toys even as they zip around the page. The pictures wring every bit of fun and humor from the story, with Billy taking on many mustachioed personas including painter, pilot, and cowboy (good) as well as train robber (bad). The intriguingly designed book shows Billy from many angles, often on the move, sometimes behind (crib) bars, and full of personality. The surprise ending accents the fun. A mustached baby will surely make audiences howl during read-alouds.

Preschool-Grade 1. --Ilene Cooper

I have a lot of boys aged between 5 (whom this was intended for) to teenagers. They love reading it to the 5 year old. Lots of opportunity to embellish with a Spanish accent, don't ask me why, just for some reason I do when I read it to him. He LOVES it every time, and a second, and then one more time. This book is for you if you add dramatic flair to your read aloud time with the kids. It arrived without one dent in it, which has happened before to some new books I've bought, and believe me even board books too.

My 3yr old found this at our local library and was so sad that we had to return it. He has had some attachments to a few books, however this was the first time I had seen him so upset about a book return. When he woke up Christmas morning, he was so happy to see that Santa brought him Mustache Baby!

One of my son's and mine's favorite book. This book is so clever for adults and kids love it. I recommend this book to everyone, I really don't get tired of reading it.

We love this book! It's a big hit with visitors, too. Subtle humor for the parents, great pictures for everyone. Excellent book!

This has recently become one of my favorite children's stories. I read it to my first grade students for National Fake Mustache Day and they loved it!!! Baby Billy is adorable. If you appreciate a good pun, and like silly stories, this book is for you! From being a "cereal" criminal and a train robber, the author does a fabulous job using good and bad punny scenarios to illustrate the effect the mustache has on Baby Billy's personality. This book is great for compare/contrast and predictions. I had the students make predictions for the sequel. We were all eagerly anticipating to see if any of our predictions came true!

While I was pregnant with my first child this past year, I bought this book for my hubby for father's day as he has a handlebar mustache. The book is exactly what I was hoping for. It arrived promptly, earlier than the estimated date, and was in perfect condition. The artwork is adorable, and the story is sweet, and not overly long. Little one is still too young to truly be interested in books, but my hubby enjoys reading it to her all the same. This book is now one of my very favorite children's books.

Adorable story. I got this for my 4year old daughter right before I have birth to my son. She loves to pretend that the baby in the story is her brother. The pictures are so cute and the story is quite funny.

This is the greatest book! We have read it 100 times and only had it a week! I have told everyone who I met about how awesome the book is!

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