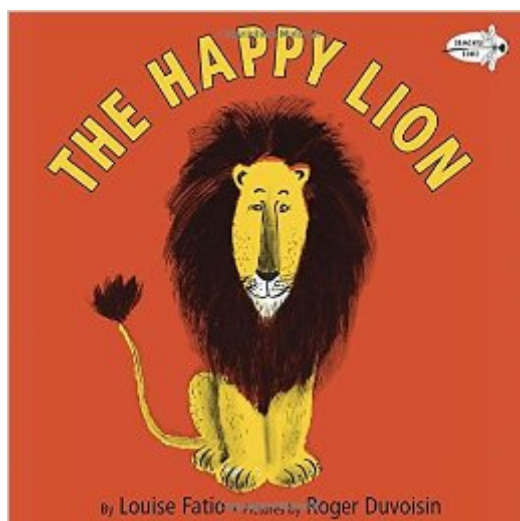


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The Happy Lion



Synopsis

The lion at the little French zoo is a favorite of all the townspeople. Every day they stop by to feed him tidbits and say, "Bonjour, Happy Lion." Naturally, when the lion finds his door open, he decides it would only be proper to visit all his friendly neighbors in return. But, wait! "sacré bleu! Why is everyone fleeing in terror?" Louise Fatio's timeless tale about friendship still sparkles and Roger Duvoisin's elegant illustrations are as engaging as ever in this 50th Anniversary edition. — School Library Journal

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Customer Reviews

my 3 yr old daughter and i chose this book at the library today based on the reviews i read from ; and the book did not disappoint. the story is very well written; simple and not too complicated, however, not so simple as to lose the interest of the child/reader. I am finding as my daughter is building her library, that most of her favorite books are the older ones, such as this; with very good and simple story lines, happy endings and simple illustrations. nothing too excitable, scary, or inappropriate for her age. this book would be great for 2yr old right on up to kindergarten.

Very cute book. Don't want to spoil so stop reading if you don't want particulars....about a lion who experiences a different reaction from the townspeople who visit him everyday while in a cage versus when he accidentally gets out, save one young boy. Think it teaches a great lesson about acceptance and how we can all be prone to intolerance which is born out of irrational fear. Reminds

me of Petunia and Veronica books.

I loved the book! And that was in the fifties when it was still new. I was somewhat amazed about the reduced color palette and the scratchy style in the illustrations; the drawings did not remind me of what I used to know to be childrens' books. Instead, I got to know the work of an artist. Roger Duvoisin, influenced by Brancusi, taught me a new approach to drawing and sketching at an early age. If you want your child to be introduced into the art of a master, give him/her this book -- and let your child learn about the power of friendship when fear and prejudice are overcome, a beautiful message.

"Bonjour, Happy Lion!" Oh, how funny this whole book is. It's fun for both my son and I because he gets to hear the story of the lion and I get to use a faux French accent while reading it. This silly story of a lion who accidentally escapes the zoo of his French town is another of my son's favorites. The pictures in the book are cute and provide my son with plenty to discuss with me, especially the picture of the lion in the zoo and the picture of the fire engine getting ready to try to get the lion into a truck to be taken back to the zoo. (Though my husband did ask when he saw it, "Are they really going to hose down the lion? This is horrible!") The resolution is sweet and very happy. I can't recommend it enough to those with children who like silly accents and big cats!

"Bonjour! Happy Lion!" My four-year-old son and I love to say this to each other. This is a classic French story book and such a fun one! I think it's just as much fun for me to read as it is for my son to listen. It does have that 50ish-early 60's sort of feel to it because of the illustrations, but it's still timeless.

My two-year-old loves Happy Lion, and her dad & I love reading it with her. It is a kick to hear her exclaim "Bonjour, Happy Lion!" and "Au revoir, Happy Lion!" on cue. The pictures are nice and the story is engaging. We recently bought five copies to keep on hand as gifts for young friends.

We love this book! Set in France, this is a story of a Lion who just doesn't understand why all his friends are afraid of him after he walks out of the zoo and into the streets. It is one of my 3 yr old's favorites, and mine too!

I love this lion! He's sweet, kind, innocent and optimistic. And the illustrations of him are great! The

story is basically about a lion who lives in an enclosure in the middle of the city. Now, I'm not a fan of zoos, cages or things like that, so already it's a hard story for me to be "okay with". But, in the story the lion likes his home and likes all the nice people that come and say hi to him. One day his door is left open and the lion decides to go say hi to all his friends. He thinks it would be nice because they always come see him so he wants to return the favor. But, once he's out on the street, all the friendly people who visit him aren't so friendly. In fact, they run away from him. Poor lion, it appears that he's going to meet with a pretty tragic end. But, perhaps there's one person that will be nice to him...SPOILERThe nice person is the young boy. He's not afraid of the lion and saves him from... death? Tranquilizers? It's not really clear what the fire fighters were going to do to that poor lion. But the young boy walks the lion calmly all the way back to the lion's home. And the lion is happy, and doesn't feel the need to leave his home again. And he and the young boy remain good friends forever.

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