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An anonymous valentine changes the life of the unsociable Mr. Hatch, turning him into a laughing friend who helps and appreciates all his neighbours.

## Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch Details

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### **Raisa Marrow says**

Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch is a story about an ordinary man named Mr. Hatch who is very lonely and goes about the events of his everyday life alone. He eats alone at work, does not look store clerks in the eye or talk to friends/family, etc. He does not feel the true weight of his own loneliness until he receives an anonymous Valentine which leads him to believe there is someone out there who cares about him only to find out it was delivered to him by mistake. His neighbors, friends and coworkers notice the pleasant change in Mr. Hatch upon receiving the Valentine and the subsequent negative change after finding out the Valentine was meant for someone else. They ban together to show him he is loved.

Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch is realistic fiction and is appropriate for grades K-2. This book is a good read aloud for Valentine's Day but can be used throughout the school year. This book is a helpful tool to promote kindness and empathy for others in the classroom. Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch does a great job of showing children what true loneliness, sadness and disappointment looks like. The book does this by using relatable topics to children such as eating alone. However, it also does a great job of showing students simple things people can do to make a difference in each other's lives and put a smile on someone's face such as simply saying good morning.

This book is a WOW book for me because not only does the emotions discussed in the book resonate with me and create empathy in me as an adult, but when reading this book to children you can really see the gravity of the affect it has on them as well. I believe this book is one of those books that can help make the world a better place.

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### **Noura says**

We need someone to love us, in the times when we don't love ourselves..

Loved it..

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### **Adriana says**

This has to be the best Valentine's Day picture book I've ever read. Mr. Hatch does the same thing day in and day out. He doesn't have any friends so he is surprised when he gets a package in the mail. A note attached to the large heart shaped candy box reads - "Somebody Loves You." Now Mr. Hatch is seeing the world in a whole new light. He's making friends and laughing all the time. But, what will happen when he discovers the note wasn't for him?

I felt so sorry for Mr. Hatch. He was just a lonely guy who needed something to wake him up. Through a simple mistake he is able to make friends and make a new, better life for himself. This is a wonderfully beautiful and touching story about little things changing our lives.

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### **Jackie "the Librarian" says**

Mr. Hatch has a colorless life of work and ham sandwiches, until the day a Valentine heart arrives at his door. Somebody loves him, but who? Moved by the gift, Mr. Hatch passes the love on to all those around him, and brings joy to his world. Then he discovers that the heart was delivered to him by accident, and he is crushed. He goes back to his old ways, only to worry all his new friends. They have a surprise party to reassure them that he IS loved. Give love to get love!

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### **Adam says**

The perfect Valentine's story!

The artwork is a starting to look a little dated, but will still hold appeal with your elementary aged child. The true charm of this book is in the the narrative. The main character, Mr. Hatch, goes from a dull, gray, lonely life to that of humble-kind-good-friend-to-all. It was always in him, he just needed something to connect him to those around him and it comes as a super-large heart shape box of candies from an anonymous admirer... but little does he know that the post delivered it to his home in error!

The narrative is one of the few that remains simple enough that there isn't too much text to a page for the story to move too slow, but yet enough to really allow this to be a truly character driven story that has strong enough plot with a tinge of O.Henry twist to the end that it is a must read! If it were not for a truly insightful librarian's recommendation, I would have never picked up this winner.

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### **Kathryn says**

I loved this one! My favorite Valentine's-themed children's book so far.

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### **Susanchitter says**

A very sweet book. On Valentine's Day Mr. Hatch receives a box of candy and a note that says, "somebody loves you." Mr. Hatch is a lonely man whose life changes in that moment.

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### **Aletse Serrato says**

I think it was ok

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## **Josiah says**

It's amazing how one little thing, even something as serendipitous as a happy accident, can alter one's mental perspective and so make for eventual major change in one's entire life.

That is what's at work in this book. Mr. Hatch is a somewhat cold, distant man, who takes little notice or care regarding those around him and simply lives his own life, impervious to outside influences. Until, that is, one Valentine's Day when he receives a package in the mail. It's a heart-shaped box of chocolates, and included with it is a single line of text: "Somebody loves you." There is no indication of who sent the note, but this simple statement begins unexpectedly to burrow its way beneath Mr. Hatch's walls of defense, and before long he is acting differently, slowly getting in the habit of going out of his way to come to the aid of others and be a kind member of the community. The "new" Mr. Hatch is a warm man, whose personality shines and draws those around closer to him. Just because of a single valentine note, Mr. Hatch has entered onto a different path in life.

All of his newfound success is shaken up, however, when Mr. Hatch finds out that the "Somebody loves you" valentine was not meant for him. Suddenly, the luster that had seeped into his life from the thought that someone unknown out there loved him begins to fade. The friendly Mr. Hatch starts to recede back into his former self, but the new positive nature of his personality has not been without its deep effect on others, and the people in the neighborhood who have grown fond of Mr. Hatch devise a meaningful way to show him how much he has come to mean to them all.

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Sweetly told and honestly touching, *Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch* is excellent as a Valentine's Day story, a picture book or a thoughtful read for kids. I would give it two and a half stars.

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## **Echo says**

Just a great feel-good book, that for some wonderful reason, my kids adore.

Mr. Hatch is a solitary man until one day when he receives a surprise valentine from a secret admirer. This prompts him to do good deeds for everyone he comes in contact with until Mr. Hatch is a favorite of everyone in the neighborhood. Then the postman comes to tell Mr. Hatch that the valentine was delivered on accident & wasn't actually for him. Poor Mr. Hatch! He doesn't think anyone loves him anymore & falls back into his solitary routine, but this time everyone misses him. Just a great book about showing each other how important we are.

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## **babyhippoface says**

Very sweet tale of how our actions--even small ones--can change lives. Mr. Hatch lives alone, goes to work, goes home, never talks, never smiles, goes to bed, and... that's all. Mr. Hatch is lonely, he just doesn't realize it. But everything changes one Valentine's Day when a package is delivered straight to him, and inside is a giant box in the shape of a heart, full of chocolates, with a note that says, "someone loves you." In one moment, Mr. Hatch has a new outlook on life. *Someone loves me?*

I haven't found a Valentine's Day story that I really, really like as a read-aloud, until now. I will definitely be

purchasing this for my library.

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**Terri says**

Loved it.

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**Mariah says**

This was a cute story that shared the message that everyone needs to feel love to be fully fulfilled.

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**Camie says**

The best Valentine's Day picture book ever, with a message that is as meaningful to my Grandchildren as it was to my children. If you haven't read it, treat yourself !! A classic right up there with Shel Silverstein's The Giving Tree.

5 stars

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**ABC says**

Ahhh, this is a sweet story about a lonely man who get a heart-shaped box of candy for Valentine's Day. My son was entranced by the huge box of chocolates and I am pretty sure he would love to receive it, too!

This book makes me want to go out and buy chocolates for people who live alone.

This book is also currently available at <http://www.storylineonline.net/> which was something I didn't realize.

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