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Does your buffalo pound on pots and pans?

Tap out rhythms at the dinner table?

It's not as unusual as you might think.

He's simply at the start of an exciting new journey.

A very loud musical journey that begins by teaching your buffalo to play drums.

(Did we mention it might be loud?)

From the author and illustrator of *Is Your Buffalo Ready for Kindergarten?* comes this hilarious musical romp about encouraging your buffalo to find his inner rock star.

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Viviane Elbee says

This is a really funny book, probably better for older (4+) preschoolers and elementary students. Kids laughed a lot at the LOUDLY drumming buffalo and the illustrations. We also talked about how the buffalo changes his mind all the time. Good for a music-themed story time or an "explore your interests" story time.

Lara says

I love the buffalo! Such fun absurdity, and he's so cute in the pictures. The kids loved him too, right from my reading the title, and I even heard several moms chuckle at the buffalo and his drumming efforts. I used for a storytime on music, though of course it would work for one on buffalos too :)

Nick says

I think that the illustrations are what turn this from a pretty good story into a very good one. In the previous Buffalo book, Audrey Vernick used the very basic idea of substituting a buffalo for a small child in a familiar situation. Carrying this onward, this volume is about what happens when the Buffalo hints at wanting music lessons. Like most Buffaloes, though, this one has asked for a lot of things in the past, and has had a very short attention span. As a result, the closet is full of unused scuba gear, ice skates and Chinese language lessons. This time for sure, though, Buffalo wants to learn to play the drums. Children want to experiment with the world, and the Buffalo books are a clever way of discussing that both with children and their parents. The delightful excesses are comedic when couched in terms of a buffalo in the kitchen, or learning to play the drums. Kids will like this book, but parents and teachers really need to read it.

Miss Sarah says

The narrator leads the audience through a series of questions about teaching a buffalo to play the drums and the pros and cons associated with that endeavor. prechool and up for humor

Beth says

I hope the fact that this is a second book, which is just as wacky and hilarious as the first, means that the start of a long and mad-cap series of books featuring that lovable, crazy buffalo!

Kid says

Really funny book. Jonas (5.5) and Miles (3.5) didn't quite understand all the jokes and were a bit confused by the second person narrative. I think someone a little older (and someone a lot older, too) would appreciate it more. My favorite line: "I think your buffalo is trying to tell you something. He was born to play drums. You have to teach him how. People may think that's silly. But you must be used to that. Did anyone say, "Hey that's a really great idea!" when you brought a baby buffalo home?"

Brian says

I. Love. This. Book.

Pam says

Cute story about a pet buffalo wanting to become a drummer. He has tried many things in the past and the book ends with him looking toward something else in the future.
Talk about it being okay to try new things and not succeed at all of them.

Shannon says

I like when books make me laugh out loud. My favorite moment was the buffalo attempting to clap along with the music. I'd definitely buy this book for a parent whose child is starting to get involved with extracurriculars and developing their talents.

Shazzer says

Your buffalo is trying to tell you something. He wants to learn drums. And no, this won't be like the last time, or the time before that. In fact, let's just forget all about the closet full of abandoned pursuits. This time it's for real. Vernick's book is chock full of laughs, visual and otherwise, as we go about teaching our buffalo to drum. And let's face it: that buffalo is darn cute. The ending provides a wonderful ba-dum-bump to the rest of the story.

Ariel Cummins says

Fun story about encouraging kids (or buffalos!) to pursue their interests. The syntax and structure of a second-person narrative isn't easily understood by all kids, so maybe save this one for older ones. Lots of winks to parents, and seeing a buffalo doing kid-things is definitely silly enough to be entertaining.

Really great crayon drawings make this book stand out.

Probably this book is best read together with elementary age kids, because of the potential for confusion.

Ms.Gaye says

"Bump Budda Budda Bump, TAT TATTA TAT TAT! BOOOOOOOOOM!

I think your buffalo is trying to tell you something. He was born to play drums. You have to teach him how."

There are so many challenges for a buffalo who wants to play drums - what to sit on, how to hold drumsticks with his hooves, where to bang away without disturbing the neighborhood (it can be really loud!) and how to share his talent with others.

Simple, colorful drawings depicting scenes both familiar and ridiculous, make this a fun picture book to share with a child. This buffalo's emotions are easy to read and are a perfect fit with the silly text.

In case you missed it, the first buffalo book by Vernick, *Is Your Buffalo Ready For Kindergarten?* is also a delight and just right for back-to-school reading.

Donna Mork says

All about how to train your buffalo if you happen to have a buffalo as a pet. Teaching him drums can be tricky but you can persevere, until he tells you otherwise.

Lenore Appelhans says

I love this wacky buffalo! I do!

Karen says

Why is it so necessary to beat, so to speak, a concept to death? The buffalo from Vernick's school outing reappears here (oh when will the endless sequels to everything stop!). While cute enough, the humor will be more apparent to the parents of musically inclined children than to the children themselves.
