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With her clever, rhyming text and dazzling pictures, bestselling author/illustrator Ruth Heller explores many intriguing kinds of nouns in this exciting addition to her unique and highly acclaimed series on language. A book that's as entertaining as it is educational. Full-color illustrations.

## **Merry-Go-Round: A Book About Nouns Details**

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# **From Reader Review Merry-Go-Round: A Book About Nouns for online ebook**

## **Michael D. says**

This is a good book by Ruth Heller as she uses vibrant illustrations to introduce nouns to young students. A great resource for the language development of Kindergarten to first graders- Heller uses rhyming text which is good for developing phonemic awareness. Can teach children nouns and proper nouns. Can introduce young children to crafting their writing skills by using colorful rhyming words.

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## **Dolly says**

We've read several books by Ruth Heller and we love the gorgeously detailed and colorful illustrations as well as the whimsical and educational narratives in her World of Language series of grammar books. They are fun books to read aloud and we all learn a little more about the English language.

This book discusses nouns and covers a wide variety of topics regarding them. It's more of an overview of nouns in general than the book A Cache of Jewels and Other Collective Nouns, and it is almost mind-boggling about the different rules. Still, we enjoyed reading this book together and we will certainly look for more books by this author at our local library.

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## **Jennifer says**

We're on our second round of Ruth Heller books. These books in her "World of Language" series are just a great, fun way to learn about grammar. Her illustrations are so captivating, and a big selling point in this volume is that she uses dragons, damsels in distress, and King Arthur to illustrate common and proper nouns. My 5 1/2 yo son said, "Mommy, I didn't know Ruth Heller knew about King Arthur."

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## **Elizabeth says**

Part of Ruth Heller's wonderful collection of books on language, Merry-Go-Round gives a wonderful rundown of nouns and how they are used.

Clear and concise rhyming text demonstrate the types of nouns and how they are used. Heller's skills as a trained designer are put to good use in the book. The examples of nouns Heller uses, such as the proper noun "King Arthur", are beautifully illustrated.

While the pictures may feel a bit dated to children today, this book is an excellent resource for English language learners. The entire Heller series of language books is highly recommended for all public and elementary school libraries. They may also be beneficial supplementary material for middle school teachers refreshing students on basic grammar.

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### **Nancy Kotkin says**

Text: 5 stars

Illustrations: 5 stars

Using rhyming text, this picture book provides a solid explanation of nouns. Distinguishes between common versus proper nouns, abstract versus concrete nouns, singular versus plural nouns. Includes spelling rules for plurals. Introduces compound words, collective nouns (another World of Language picture book by Ruth Heller covers this topic more extensively), possessives, and articles. The illustrations are fantastic - colorful and detailed but not overwhelming. Part of Ruth Heller's World of Language series of picture books covering the various parts of speech. Highly recommend.

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### **Sara says**

This is a very smart way to teach nouns. I'm completely impressed!

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### **Monique Smith says**

I recently read Merry Go Round by Ruth Heller. This book is a series of collections by Ruth Heller that teaches elements of language and grammar through poetry and vivid illustrations.

This story is a great opportunity to introduce nouns to students who are 1st and 2nd grade level. It offers another take on learning language that I feel is new and fresh than typically done. Students will love the rhyming nature as well as the pictures to help them categorize the different types of nouns.

I would recommend this book to not only other educators but also to parents. You will also get a lesson on poetry that may not have been initially intended. Also many adaptations of lessons for nouns can be used with this text.

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### **Amy says**

Heller covers the basics of nouns in an informative, straightforward manner. While it lacks the pizzazz of the part-of-speech books by Brian P. Cleary, its educational value is higher, so I would use both books in conjunction to teach elementary-aged children about the classes of words.

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### **Nashiea Edmiston says**

I am incredibly impressed at how the author is able to discuss, in such a concise fashion, the concept of nouns. This book can be used as a mentor text for rhyming and alliteration while also reviewing nouns. The

examples the author gives of nouns are so creative!

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### **Chari says**

I use these in my writing workshops. The kids are ages 8-18 years. They all enjoy them!

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### **Jane says**

I can use this book to teach students about different types of nouns. How nouns are used and how to make nouns to plural. In addition, it teaches the usage of apostrophes with simple sentences. A must-have LA book for teachers.

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### **Theresa says**

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by Ruth Heller

Third grade

this book looks into the various types of nouns defines their usage and how a writer can learn to express concepts, ideas and real life through the use of nouns.

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### **Cherina says**

Summary: This text is all about nouns. It define nouns and provides a plethora of examples of the different types of nouns. The text is fun and students will enjoy the author's creativity.

Uses: Read aloud in 1st-4th grade; use as a resource for children to use while writing in the classroom; use a resource if children are having difficulty grasping the concept of nouns

Literary Devices: rhymes, alliteration

Topic: nouns; the definition and the multiple types (singular, plural, proper, common, abstract, concrete, compound, collective, possessive); also defines determiners and gives examples

Other: Beware that the word "jackass" is used in the book. I love the rhymes though. It examples of nouns are creative and unique. They will challenge students in a good way.

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### **Kelsey Vayens says**

This book is another book from Ruth Heller that uses rhyme and vivid illustrations to teach about various grammar concepts. This book, however, focuses on teaching the concept of nouns. I feel that this book could

be an opener of introducing the concept of nouns and pronouns to younger students. They can see the visuals and relate them to the concept being taught. This can make the explanation of nouns and pronouns somewhat easier to introduce.

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### **Douglas Larson says**

This is another in Heller's series of illustrated guides to parts of english speech written for young children. There are about 8 or 9 of these books (one each on nouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, interjections, pronouns, collective nouns and more). In each book in the series Heller presents the topic so clearly and so well that everyone, adults and children alike, come away with a solid understanding of the subject. While I did moderately well in english in grade school, junior high and high school, there were various details about some aspects of grammer that I never grasped very well. I wish Heller had written these books back when I was young.

The other astounding and remarkable aspect to this series of books is that Heller also did all of the illustrations herself. I believe that is something of a rarity for an author to create an illustrated book and to do both the text and the illustrations. Heller's command of the art of illustration is as good as her command of the english language.

If you were ever, or perhaps still are, fuzzy about any aspect to parts of english speech, take a look at these books by Heller.

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