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Don Freeman's classic character, Corduroy, is even more popular today than he was when he first came on the scene over thirty years ago. These favorite titles are ready for another generation of children to love.

A Pocket for Corduroy Details

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JTownsend says

I liked the diversity in this book. It wasn't in your face, it just was. The human characters were likable and the reader could relate to their feelings and actions. The colors, patterns and textures depicted in the drawings encourage the reader to stop and examine them. This adds to the story. I wasn't as drawn to the character of Corduroy. If not for the supporting characters and the well done drawings I would have given this a 3 rating. I found the supporting characters more likable and inspiring than the bear.

This story encourages us to look for beauty in the world around us and let it inspire you. If you don't notice it in the colors and textures or in the the beauty of the how the characters are drawn in relation to each other, the artist comes right out and says it, " This would make a wonderful painting!...I can hardly wait to get back to my studio." Corduroy is a creative thinker and finds inspiration in laundry soap, bags of wash and laundry baskets.

It is a caring story. Lisa cares for Corduroy, Lisa's mother cares for her, the artist takes care of Corduroy and the manager is helpful to Lisa when finding Corduroy. Corduroy, well, he wants a pocket. Which he gets in the end. One with his name in it.

I would use this to inspire creativity in young children and to remind them to always let an adult know where they are. It would make a nice lead in to an art project or a safety lesson.

Mark Baker says

One day while at the laundromat, teddy bear Corduroy decides he needs a pocket. His search for one introduces him to some strange new things. Can he find a pocket? Will Lisa be able to find him?

Even as a kid, I liked this book more than Corduroy's first adventure. I think it's because of the creativity. We know what Corduroy finds along his way, but his explanations for them are creative, logical, and fun. The illustrations capture the book perfectly, and will please kids and parents alike. This is one all ages can enjoy.

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Sharon Barrow Wilfong says

A timeless classic from Don Freeman, one of my favorite children's authors.

The plot is the simple story of a little girl going to the laundromat with her mother. She brings her bear, Corduroy, who bored, decides to explore. He ends up getting left behind and spends the night at the laundromat.

Small children have such a strong sense of wonder that a stuffed bear getting stuck in a laundromat over night is high adventure. I know because I remember loving this book when I was very young.

Candice says

I always wondered why the little stuffed Corduroy bears have those purple pockets, and now I know! In this book, Lisa and her mother take Corduroy to the laundromat where the curious bear wanders off and gets lost. When Lisa finds him, he tells her he wants a pocket, and she promptly obliges by sewing on a purple one.

Jessica says

This was my favorite book when I was a child. Our library had two copies and I would return one and run to the shelves to get the other. The library started hiding a copy for me so there would always be one available to me, otherwise there were tears. Now I own two copies. And a bear.

Heather says

I found the original Corduroy a revelation and the sequel even more so. In the first - written in the '60s -- an elegant black woman and her daughter shop in a Manhattan department store. The sequel was written about ten years later, and now Lisa's mother -- still elegant -- has traded out her A-line dress for bell bottoms and the launder mat where mother and daughter go to wash clothes is populated by bearded artists in berets. Although stuffed bears don't change, the world has.

These books move me with their diversity and their kindness. The white department store salesclerk is friendly to a little girl who wants to make a special purchase. Mother and daughter are women of color, well-dressed, confident, and serene, even while they discuss the limitations of their budget. The artist -- perhaps a little foolish with his sketches of wet laundry -- thoughtfully rescues Corduroy and gently buttons him back into his overalls again. And the launder mat owner greets Lisa in Spanish and helps restore her lost bear. On the last page, Corduroy gets the pocket he has been looking for. He rubs noses with Lisa and I think about what a radical book Don Freeman wrote.

Sophia Tarullo says

This story of the classic character, Corduroy, wanting a pocket. Corduroy gets left at the laundromat after Corduroy goes looking for fabric to make himself a pocket. Corduroy gets stuck inside an artist's laundry bag and the artists washes and dries his clothes for him. Afterwards, the laundromat closes and Corduroy falls asleep. In the morning, Lisa, his owner, comes back to get him. She then gives Corduroy a pocket and a card with his name on it.

The images in this story look to be drawn with pencil and do well in assisting with the story. This book was not a favorite of mine because I felt the pictures told the story a little better than the words. I also felt this book was a bit repetitive and could have been better.

I would most likely recommend this book to ages 3-5 for a read aloud.

Derek says

I don't know how many times I have read this book but it is probably the best book I have ever received (along with *Are You My Mother*). In fact, this is the first book I ever read. I remember the day my kindergarten teacher handed everyone a copy of the book, a pair of scissors and a glue stick. In retrospect, they probably shouldn't have given children a book and scissors at the same time, but no matter. I asked my mother to read it to me every night until I had mesmerized the story (which I did because I wanted people to think that I was capable of reading such an amazing book on my own). I still own the book and likely will for the rest of my life. (I also still have that pair of scissors and only recently threw away the glue stick).

Perry Nathanson says

A Pocket for Corduroy is a story about a teddy bear named Corduroy and Lisa, the little girl who owns him. One day Lisa and her mother go the laundromat and Corduroy goes to because Lisa brings him everywhere. When doing their laundry, Corduroy hears Lisa's mother asking her to check her pockets before they put her clothes in the wash. Corduroy notices that he does not have pockets and he becomes very intrigued and decides that he wants a pocket on his overalls. He wanders around the laundromat looking for materials to make a pocket and he loses Lisa. Lisa leaves the laundromat without Corduroy and Corduroy ends up staying at the laundromat over night. Lisa become very worried about Corduroy and her mother assures her that they will look for him in the morning. Corduroy gets himself into some sticky situations as he explores the laundromat all night. In the morning the man who works at the laundromat finds Corduroy in a basket of clothes. That same morning Lisa and her mother come looking for Corduroy and the man give him back to Lisa. Corduroy expresses to Lisa that he was just looking to have a pocket and that is how they got separated the day before. Lisa say that she will make Corduroy a pocket and she does. Corduroy and Lisa are both very happy in the end.

This story has strengths and weaknesses. The strengths of this story are that its theme is about true friendship which can be very useful in the classroom for teaching children about being a sincere friend to one another. However the weaknesses of this book are that the ending is not as great as it could be and it just wraps up very quickly. The author should have elaborated more on theme of friendship in the end.

Kayla Fabian says

This sequel is as adorable as its predecessor and another one of my favorites when I was growing up! I had to have a bear just like Corduroy. At that time, there wasn't any merchandise. So my mom bought me a bear and sewed green corduroy overalls for him. Then when I read this book, my Corduroy needed a purple pocket. I remember waking up one Christmas morning to find that my mom had made him a purple pocket. Needless to say, I was thrilled! And yes, I still have my Corduroy!

Was it worth reading? Yes.

Would I read it again? Yes!

Stacy says

Lovable Corduroy Bear realizes his overalls don't have a pocket. On a mission to find something that would make a suitable pocket, he gets left in a laundromat over night. Nice sequel to the first.

Matthew says

To check out my review: <http://dancinginth3dark.blogspot.com>

I wish this book was never written.

The entire time as I was reading this book I kept having this thought that Corduroy is going to turn into Chucky and kill the little girl. This bear creeps me out and this is meant for children. I believe the author could have written Corduroy as a standalone and you wouldn't hear any complaints for a sequel.

We meet Corduroy again and he speaks like it is no big deal that a stuffed teddy bear can speak and communicate to humans. He tags along with his best friend and her mother to the laundromat to wash clothes. The girl puts Corduroy down on a seat and tells him not to move. Then he discovers that pants and jeans have pockets and he wants one. So he gets off the chair and explores other people's clothes to find fabric to make a pocket.

The girl starts to panic trying to find Corduroy but no luck because the laundromat is going to close soon and her mother has a zero tolerance for this type of dilemma and they leave the store and Corduroy is left behind inside for the night. He gets to explore the laundromat and unfortunately cannot find fabric for a button and falls asleep. Come the next day the girl returns and finds him and they live happily ever after as she sews a pocket for Corduroy.

Can I mention again how creepy and weird it is that the girl accepts a talking teddy bear like it is no big deal? I know this book is a work of fiction but I cannot help myself think about the real world and if I met a talking teddy bear I would scream and panic. I love Toy Story, Ted, and countless other films that deal with personifying inanimate objects but I wish I will never see that happening in our real world. I was disappointed with this book and felt like it was written for the sole purpose of making money from the iconic first book. This is the last book in the series written by the author because he passed away a few years later when he published this book and I've seen they have written countless books of Corduroy under other authors and I have no desire to read them. Until next time...

Rebecca says

I wish my only dilemma in life was wanting a pocket.

Aneesa says

This is basically a nightmare scenario.

Marlena Markland says

Summary: In A Pocket for Corduroy, Corduroy is taken on an adventure when his best friend Lisa leaves him at a laundromat. Corduroy was accompanying Lisa and her mother on their outing, but while waiting for them realizes that the overalls he wears does not have a pocket! He then leaves his waiting spot in search of the perfect pocket, but get tangles in some mischief along the way.

Major Themes: One theme for children that this book covers is why is it important to listen when someone in charge tells you something to do. Another theme that could be studied is optimism and how to be creative in any situation you might find yourself in.

Star Rating: 5 stars

Personal Response: I really enjoyed this book. It reminded me of simpler times when I was a child. I think this book could be enjoyed by young children and readers up to the first grade. It is a book definitely written for younger audiences, but can truly put a smile on any reader's face - as it did on mine.

Why I Recommend this Book: I recommend this book, because it reminds us that even old children's books can still be esteemed as good literature and cultivate good conversation in the classroom today. The way that this book is written in a bright and cheerful way I believe allows it to be a book that should always remain a staple on children's bookshelves even still to this day.
