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A REALLY fun song full of facts about turkeys by award-winning naturalist Jim Arnosky!

As he did in GOBBLE IT UP!, Jim Arnosky has created a charming picture book from a catchy, spoken-word song that is a favorite in schools everywhere. This humorous song, filled with factual information about turkeys is fun for Thanksgiving -- and all year around!

This will make a great combination with Jim Arnosky's All About Turkeys.

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Chris Neidecker says

I love using this book each year in my preschool science class. I've read a lot of the comments here about how there's an odd rhythm to this book, and it is a little odd if you haven't heard Jim Arnosky's recording of the story, which is set to music.

When I read this book aloud to my class, I walk them through the book first -- reading the text and explaining any new words, such as "Boeing 747", "wary", etc. Then we start the book again and this time, I tell the children that this time they will hear the story along with some music, and they are welcome to strum their imaginary guitar if they'd like. Then I play Arnosky's recording. They always love it!!

Suzanne LaPierre says

I did library story times for preschoolers for ten years and this was one of my favorites to use at Thanksgiving time. It's short enough to read to younger preschoolers, but it also imparts some true facts about wild turkeys. The rhyming text encourages emerging literacy skills and keeps their interest. I like the realistic details on the turkeys; they are not overly cartoonish like so many depictions of turkeys in picture books.

Arminzerella says

Cute, but the verse is really off in more than a few places, which makes it a challenging read-aloud. Maybe the song (as sung?) is better? Illustrations are great and highly entertaining/funny.

Lisa Vegan says

An extra half star for a book about turkeys that mention nothing about how they're used by humans. 3 1/2 stars. Also, the "story" is told with a "singing" cadence so while normally I hate promotions for anything other than the book on a book's cover, in this case the ability to download the free original song that goes with this book was something I found welcome, even though I didn't take advantage of it.

This is a book about wild turkeys. It's somewhat informative though more for fun than for education, but readers/listeners will learn some things about turkeys' lives.

The illustrations' colors are wonderful but the style didn't wow me. And, much to my chagrin, my favorite picture is the one of the turkey being pursued by what I think is a wolf. Ah well.

Donna Mork says

Cute book tells about Tom the turkey and how he and his flock live. They communicate. He hides a lot from predators. He wants you to gobble to say hi and he'll gobble back, talking turkey.

Shelley says

I'm a Turkey by Jim Arnosky is catchy and fun! This is a great rhyming sing-song, to read aloud to the kids around Thanksgiving. The words are very simple, catchy and it's very easy to read. I also like that there are a subtle facts about turkeys in the book as well. The perfect book for squirmy little ones as the story is short and sweet. The illustrations are also simple in design and pleasing to look at.

This is a perfect book to pair with *Plump and Perky Turkey* by Teresa Bateman, which I both read last year in November as part of our library's Toddler and Preschool story hour. We also made an accompanying turkey craft. It was really fun!

Heather says

A quite book if you need to bring down the energy. Good for 4+, but limited "story."

Stacy says

This is my go-to Thanksgiving book for storytimes. If you don't think this book is 5 stars, you haven't heard Jim Arnosky's song that goes with this book. "What's that in the bushes over there anyway?" Hilarious!

Kathryn says

A fun little story with great illustrations all about turkeys and how they live.

Nicole says

it's a very cute story about wild turkeys. I like that is simply about wild turkeys with some fun facts about them and not centered around eating and breeding them. The song is fun and I think kids would like it around thanksgiving time.

Camille says

I first ran across the book at the library. My sons loved it so much I purchased it. My husband, my parents, and myself know this book by heart without looking at it we've read it so much. Lol

Katy says

Mildly informative with rhymes

Peacegal says

Positive depictions of this misunderstood bird are hard to come by, so I'm pleased to report that this book is a joyous celebration of turkeys—without a single peep about Thanksgiving or cranberry sauce.

The book starts out on a winning note, in which youngsters learn that turkeys, like us, have families:

I got a turkey dad and a turkey mom. I got a turkey brother and sister, too.

And they have a rich vocabulary of sounds with which to communicate.

We putt and peep and squawk and squabble—Talking turkey, gobble, gobble.

Wild turkeys are also powerful flyers:

I flap my wings and aim toward heaven and take off slowly like a Boeing 747...Fifty miles per hour over the treetops.

Rather sad when one reflects upon the miserable predicament of the modern factory-farmed turkey, who has been bred to be so overweight he can barely walk, let alone fly.

Which brings us to another positive element of this book—it shows us in no uncertain terms that turkeys don't want to be eaten! Beside a drawing of a coyote lunging at a flock of fleeing turkeys, we read:

*But we must be careful, can't be hasty, 'cuz lots of critters find us tasty!
That makes us wary. Always on the lookout.*

The last part of the book ends on another high note, with a passage individualizing the wild turkeys one might spot outdoors, with a fun idea for youngsters to attempt to communicate with the birds:

The very next turkey that you see might be from my flock. It might be me! Make a gobbling sound so I know it's you. I'll answer back with a gobble or two. We'll be talking turkey!

Fun, humane, and colorful, *I'm a Turkey* is highly recommended.

The Library Lady says

The recording of Arnosky performing this sounds a bit like Pete Seeger doing "Talking Union"--it's spoken rather than sung.

And in listening you will hear the problem with this book--some of the verses don't work well read aloud, and there is no consistent overall pattern. You will really have to work this book to make it work.

Despite this, the art is great--I mean this is Jim Arnosky and the verses are fun. It would be worth trying with a group. Just don't try reading it cold--this would need to be practiced in advance

Katy says

Might be weird for thanksgiving storytime
