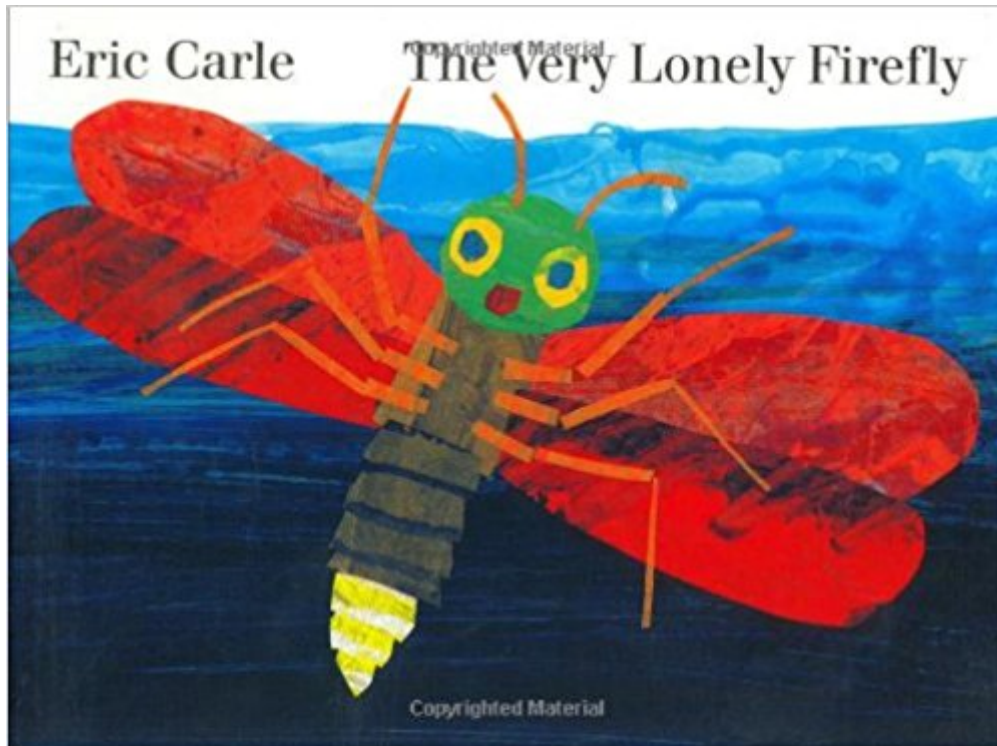




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The Very Lonely Firefly Board Book



Synopsis

A VERY classic from Eric Carle, creator of The Very Hungry Caterpillar! When a very lonely firefly goes out into the night searching for other fireflies, it sees a lantern, a candle, and the eyes of a dog, cat, and owl all glowing in the darkness. It even sees a surprise celebration of light. But it is not until it discovers other fireflies that it finds exactly what it's looking for--a surprise sure to bring smiles to anyone who turn the final page! Lushly illustrated with Eric Carle's trademark vibrant collage art, soothingly told with a gentle read-aloud rhythm, and complete with a surprise sure to "light up" children's faces, The Very Lonely Firefly will fast become a storytime favorite. Read it with a flashlight in the dark or under the table--and watch those fireflies glow!

Book Information

Age Range: 1 - 3 years

Lexile Measure: AD530L (What's this?)

Series: Board Book

Board book: 16 pages

Publisher: Philomel Books; Brdbk edition (July 19, 1999)

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Customer Reviews

Many of Eric Carle's books begin with a small creature being born just as a great yellow sun rises. This time the hero is a firefly, and the inimitably Carle-ish cut-paper orange-and-yellow sun is setting. The firefly buzzes off in search of companionship, but keeps following other lights by mistake--a candle, a flashlight, a lantern--and these in turn are all leading in the direction of a fireworks display. Finally, the lonely firefly finds the friends it is seeking--a dozen or more other fireflies. This is one of a series of large (11.5 by 8.5 inches) format Carle books with a mechanical twist: in this case, the firefly's new group of friends start to flash (from tiny yellow bulbs embedded in the book) as you turn the last page. (The battery is replaceable.) (Baby to preschool) --Richard Farr

--This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

With characteristic simplicity-and the now expected visual "surprise" at book's end-Carle delivers another heartwarming tale about a diminutive creature on a quest. In the author/artist's words, his latest story "is about belonging." As the sun sets, a firefly is born: "It stretched its wings and flew off into the darkening sky." Searching for other fireflies, the lonely little guy flies hopefully toward other lights (a bulb in a window, a candle, a flashlight, the shining eyes of an owl, car headlights, fireworks), only to discover that they are not what he is looking for. Youngsters will be as tickled as the no-longer-lonely firefly to find, on the last spread, "a group of fireflies, flashing their lights"-with the help of replaceable batteries (final version not seen by PW). Carle's richly hued, collage-like art and gentle text will be comfortingly familiar to his numerous young devotees. Ages 4-up. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Prompt delivery and nice packaging. The lights worked great! My students loved the book! All Eric Carle books are amazing!!

My twin toddlers love it, especially the lights. I had to buy a second copy so they can each sleep with one.

Love Eric Carle's bright pictures and different stories. Want all his books. Baby loves this one!

Love the surprise at the end. Lovely art work.

Cute story. My son enjoys the flashing lights on the last page.

when I opened the book from the plastic wrap, none of the lights were working when I turned to the page. There is a tiny button (blends very well) with the sky on the left hand side of the last page of the book. Once I had pressed and depressed it, the lights lit up. It's not a steady light, the bulbs are in a sequence. Love the Eric Carle books - the ones with stories use real language with (more) sophisticated words than many children's books. Even the "What Do You See" books uses descriptive verbs. Plan to collect all of them.

great book

The book is adorable. My grandson loves Eric Carle books-so he loves the illustrations in this book as well. On the last page the lightening bugs light up, which we both loved! It's a fun bedtime story to read in the dark by flashlight.

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