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My Purple Toes, a 2010 Moonbeam Children's Book Award winner, is a creative children's picture book written for children under eight-years-old that tells a story about a father's experience navigating life with purple painted toenails. From mom to the kids to their dog, everyone reacts differently to dad's purple toes showing their surprise, embarrassment, and even laughter. The book takes the reader through the seasons, bath time and finally to bed. Throughout the book, children can look for dad's toes in various environments and also find a friendly frog with purple toes that hides on each page. In addition to entertaining, My Purple Toes teaches a simple, yet relevant lesson about the importance of acceptance, enjoying life and being different.

My Purple Toes, the first of the Purple Series, features cheerful, imaginative illustrations by artist Tate Nation in a large easy to read picture book that is ideal for young children.

## My Purple Toes Details

Date : Published September 1st 2011 by My Purple Toes, LLC (first published 2010)

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Author : Blair Hahn , Tate Nation (Illustrator)

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### **Maria says**

What I Can Tell You:

I loved it for so many reasons. First, I loved that Dad was the "main" focus. As a child who lost her mom early in my childhood it wasn't often that I found a book that didn't make me long for having a mom. This would have been a perfect book for me and my sisters.

The book is short, only 24 pages but packed with a few very important lessons.

The Lessons I would want my kids to take from this book:

1. Always be yourself
2. Have fun
3. Be able to laugh at yourself
4. Never worry what others think of you.

We also love that the frog seen on every page also has purple nail polish on.

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### **Terry says**

Warning: Purple Toes may be addictive. Proceed with no caution. It may cause your child to love reading. :)

Brilliant!

Bright bold pictures, random purple toe silliness, a friendly frog to find on every page, and easy wording for beginning readers. Fun for parents, grandparents, teachers, and librarians too.

What more could you ask for?

(Received my granddaughter's seal of approval and that's a winner in my book! We had to read it 6 times the first day we got it, and we have to read it first each storytime).

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\*Happily won this book through the GoodReads First Reads Program. Thank you Blair Hahn for making it possible for me to read your book.

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### **Elaine says**

A significant portion of the money raised from the sale of this 2010 Moonbeam Children's Award winning book go to the charity Soles4Soles which helps provide shoes for children around the world. It is a colourful, enchanting book showing Dad's purple toe nails in a variety of different situations. It is funny and a great book to share and laugh about. The images enhance the scenes and there's a frog with purple toes to find on

every picture, too.

A delightful book to share and talk about, reinforcing the important, inspirational message that it is fine to be different, brilliant when you accept your differences and it is great to enjoy life and being different.

Thanks to the author, publishers and NetGalley, too, for letting me read this book in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Laura DeLuca says**

"My Purple Toes" by Blair Hahn is an adorable illustrated story book that is perfect for kids five and younger. It is a story of a dad who paints his toenails purple, and was inspired by Blair's visit to the nail salon with his teenage daughter. Blair and his purple toes visit lots of places and get lots of laughs along the way. But the book also teaches the valuable lesson that it's okay to be yourself.

My older daughter had a great time reading "My Purple Toes" to her little sister. The illustrations are beautifully done and they encourage kids to count the toes on more than one occasion. It goes through the different seasons and the places where your bare toes might visit during those seasons. It's amazing how many things your child can learn in a book with just a few lines on each page.

One of the most important things about this book isn't the purple toes themselves but what they are giving back to others. A significant portion of the proceeds from the book are donated to Soles4Souls, a wonderful charity that provides shoes to people in need.

\*\*\*Complimentary copy received in exchange for an honest review\*\*\*

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### **Marjorie says**

Given To Me For An Honest Review

My Purple Toes (The Purple Series Book1) by Blair Hahn is such a book of silliness and fun. As you read this book with your child, you will see friendly a frog with purple toes that hide on each page. The frog teaches a simple lesson - the importance of acceptance, enjoying life and being different. Your child will have fun learning about colors, counting, seasons and most important how to celebrate things that make us each unique and different. The illustrations are really silly and well done. The colors are very bright and eye catching. It will keep your child's interest and your child will love reading it over and over and over again. Daddy goes with his daughter to a salon. He has his toes painted purple just like hers. He surprises and amuses other family members by doing so. This is a great book because Daddy is the main character. To see a Daddy bond with his daughter is beautiful. This book is a must read for all. I gave this book 5 stars but I wish I could have given it more. I deserve so many more. This book would make a great gift for any child, especially 3 to 5 years old. It would look good on your child's bookshelf or any library's bookshelf. I highly recommend this book to everyone. I look for more fun and silly books from Blair Hahn.

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### **Sue says**

Thanks to Goodreads and author Blair Hahn for a copy of My Purple Toes. This is a story about a Dad who has purple toes and the different reactions he receives. My 2 young grandchildren loved this book, and had fun looking for and counting the purple toes. Great illustrations!

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### **Angel says**

Cute story for very young children. A silly story about purple toes! I believe it would be a great story to read, while painting your toes purple! Thanks to NetGalley and Greenleaf Book Group for the opportunity to review.

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### **Lenore Webb says**

We are reading My Purple Toes. This is a nice cardboard book (remember the 2 yr old is here) with bright colors and clean drawings. Also there is a hiding frog on every page to look for too! The premise of painting dad's toes purple for fun has the kiddos giggling. And then everywhere his purple toes can go leads the imagination on. This is a big hit with all the kiddos.

How did My Purple Toes get started? Well Blair Hahn had an invitation from his teenage daughter to join her for a pedicure. To her surprise, he accepted her invitation and it wasn't long before dad was getting his toes painted a vibrant shade of purple. Blair was inspired by this experience and he wanted to share, which inspired his first book, "My Purple Toes." One of the things I have to share with you because I think it is important to give back is that My Purple Toes shares. "My Purple Toes" donates a significant portion of its proceeds to benefit children in the United States and around the world through nonprofit, Soles4Souls, which collects and distributes shoes at no cost to people in need.

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### **Terry says**

Pros: Kids like silly things that are out of the ordinary ... purple toes definitely qualify.

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### **Karen says**

I really did enjoy reading My Purple Toes by Blair Hahn. The concept is about families and their children sharing the excitement about purple toes. I believe this book is something for children to learn about caring.

Also, I got the book My purple Kisses. The same concept of teaching kindness, caring, and loving to

children.

All of the drawings are very colorful. I like the frog that is on every page of the books. The wonderful illustrations are by Tate Nation.

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### **Melanie Coombes says**

This book was a big hit with my five year old daughter. First of all, her favorite color is purple. Secondly, she LOVES searching for hidden pictures. This storybook has a hidden frog on each page that is fun and very easy to find.

The story is also cute. The book has about 24 pages. It is about a dad who has purple painted toes much to the amusement of the rest of his family. This is a great book because dad is the main character and it's always great to find a children's book focusing on dad!

I read it to my daughter last night and she was "reading" it to herself this morning. A fun, cute, funny book about loving who you are inside and just being silly!

I won this as part of the Goodreads First Reads giveaway program!

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### **Breakaway Reviewers says**

Dad's purple toenails.

This is a superb book suitable for young children to teach them how each member of a family reacts when their father decides to paint his toenails purple.

It explores different reactions, like finding the nails funny, embarrassing, outrageous, but lessons youngsters need to learn when confronted with something out of the ordinary.

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Breakaway Reviewers received a copy of the book to review.

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### **Amy says**

WOW!!! What a great story about purple toes and love! I entered the giveaway in hopes of winning the book for my granddaughter. I thankfully won and received a signed copy of this wonderful book and the follow up to this one "My Purple Kisses". Both books are wonderful. The stories incorporate doing things as a family and the love parents have to give to their children. Thank You First Reads Giveaways, great books!

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### **Kevin says**

My wife was so delighted when I won this book. She works in an elementary school and does readin interventions. The kids she works with loved this book and keep asking for it to practice their reading.

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