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Waffles and Pancakes Details

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Phaedra Seabolt says

This is a very cute book about how you can be friends with people who are not the same as yourself. Yes it is about two boys and two hamsters, but one boy & hamsters is very well off and the other pair is not. Pancakes, the rich hamster, has everything you could possible want to give to your pet hamster. Waffles however, has the bare minimum. What Waffles has that Pancakes doesn't is a very attentive owner. As is common with people who have a lot of money, they also have a lot of things. Griffin, Pancakes's owner, has a lot of toys and pays little attention to Pancakes. When the two boys meet in school and discover a blooming friendship, a friendship also blossoms between the two hamsters. Danny, Waffles's owner, shows Griffin how to have fun with his pet and helps to change the pair's relationship forever. The story ends with a valuable lesson about how you can be friends with anyone and the things you have are not as important as the relationships you have. It's wonderfully written and great for all ages. The art is fantastic!

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Crystal Clifton says

This is a so must read for your kids. My Grandson Brayden says he love Waffles and Pancakes it is the best story in learning that material things are not what brings happiness that its love and friendship. Thank You Cindy for writing such a great book I know for sure my other Grandbabies will love this book also. My grandson and grand daughter st and listened to every word.

Candice says

Fat and Ugly---two words I have heard enough in my life...but this books explores the pain, sorrow, and real hurt that being a bully causes-and the affect it brings on those who are bullied. You learn about Oscar-the big BULLY guinea pig! And how he said some VERY mean things to Waffles and Pancakes :-(The owners of the hamsters, Danny and Griffin (whom we met in an early book and learned they had become best friends), become very worried, and they take the hamster to the vet. The vet says-they seem fine, but they are depressed! Where could this depression have come from....maybe the big mean Oscar grouch! The boys decided to go talk to Oscar's owner-Tom. Tom was not a friendly fella himself, and the boys were very worried. However, Tom had someone who let him know he was being WRONG. But.....then Waffles and Pancake get with put with Oscar, and Oscar has a confession---what is it you ask, READ THE BOOK!!!! It will SHOCK you! <3 The boys have some realizations, as well as their furry friends! Cutest story ever. Really a great educational read for educators, parents, and friends. Perfect addition to your library or bookshelf! And...makes an amazing teacher gift! The illustrations in this book draw you into the cute characters, and show the emotion for each situation. They are beautifully created and help the story POP! Great job!

Thank You Cindy for tackling an issue that is so real, so hurtful, and that our nation is struggling with so deeply right now-and cheers to your best friend and you for overcoming life!

Alicia Michaels says

Immediately after reading the first Waffles and Pancakes book, my daughter was ready for more. I wanted her to read this book because I feel that bullying has reached a terrible climax in our communities. Children should be taught young how damaging bullying can be. Poor Waffles and Pancakes were literally physically sick because of the shabby way they'd been treated by Oscar, the guinea pig.

What I liked most about this book, was that Waffles and Pancakes did not resort to rudeness when they met Oscar again and that the underlying reasons for the bullying were found. Kids who bully tend are usually doing it to express their own pain. They need help and attention just as the bullied kid does. The end was so cute and I liked that they were able to all become friends. A valuable lesson for all kids.

Kristi Bernard says

Waffles and Pancakes are two friendly hamsters who share a space at a local pet store. The two hamsters knew that someday they would find new homes and possibly never see each other again. Sure enough, one day two boys that attend the same school, Danny and Griffin, visited the pet store looking for a new pet. One boy was wealthy and one was not. Each hamster had a different life from the other. One enjoyed love and friendship, the other enjoyed material things but no love or friendship. Surprisingly, the two boys decide to get together and hang out with their hamsters. The boys and the hamsters find that their lives will change forever. Springsteen does a wonderful job of teaching young readers about friendship and how you shouldn't judge a persons worth by how much money they have or how they live. Springsteen demonstrates the true value of friendship. Parents and teachers will find this story has great value. Simple sentences and colorful pictures will encourage young readers to pick up this story again and again.

Stacie says

Waffles and Pancakes: A Lesson in Friendship by Cindy Springsteen teaches children that money and things do not bring you happiness, but love and friendship do.

Hamsters, Waffles and Pancakes, are adopted by two different boys. Griffin adopts Pancakes and Danny adopts Waffles. Griffin's family has a lot of money and is able to buy lots of accessories and a large home for Pancakes. Danny is only able to afford a small box for Waffles to live in.

Danny and Griffin become friends at school and decide to let their hamsters play together. Waffles and Pancakes are excited to see each other again, but when Waffles sees everything that Pancakes has he is ashamed. However, Waffles soon discovers that Griffin never plays with Pancakes like Danny does with him. He then realizes that it is he who has the most important things in life, a good friend and loving home. Will Danny help Griffin to understand that his hamster needs his affection more than things?

Children will enjoy Waffles and Pancakes: A Lesson in Friendship while learning a very important life lesson.

Eric Benoit says

I have never reviewed a children's book before but I have several friends who either have written or are in the process of writing them so I figured I would give it a go. I never really understood children, even when I was one but here goes.

Waffles and Pancakes by Cindy Springsteen is a great read for any child of any age, many adults could learn something from it as well. Waffles and Pancakes are two hamsters living in a pet store together whose lives diverge one day. They find themselves brought together again when their owners become friends at school and learn how different their lives have become. Together they, and their owners, learn that the most important thing in the world is to love and be loved.

Anne (Angel Anne Reviews) Nelson says

First of all I'd like to thank Cindy Springsteen for the opportunity to read this wonderful, delightful and very insightful childrens book.

Waffles and Pancakes are two hamsters who were bought from the pet store on the very same day. But their owners, Danny and Griffin, don't treat them the same way. Pancakes has a lovely new home to play around in with wheels and tunnels. Waffles only has a small box. But when Waffles and Pancakes meet up again, they realize that there are more important things than material possessions.

In the world that our children live in now adays they carry a burden so unlike those of their parents in many ways. Sure we have have very similar burdens, but our children's burden to keep up with Jones so to speak is so much greater. We all wish that things were easier, or that we had more than we do, whether it be money or material items as adults. And sadly, our children carry a heavier cross to bear because of the way our society has become.

Waffles and Pancakes brings back the innocence that has been lost in such an easy way that it will have you, or it did me say "how did we go so far from the simple life".

You will find love brought back through these two incrediable, cute hamsters, simple plain unconditional love, the way we received it as children. The love of an adorable child, given to his most treasured possession.... his pet hamster.

Even thou it took one child who had the best of everything and then some, and then of course his pet also had the best of everything. Then a precious child who had the best of everything in LOVE, who in turn gave the best of his everything to his hamster.. his LOVE.

You as the reader will see that it all can be just as simple as it once was. Just by one act, the act of pure unconditional love.

Waffles and Pancakes is a wonderful book for everyone to read, to read and rethink our lives that we live now as adults, and then to read and learn to teach our precious children that you don't need to have the best of everything in life, if only you had and showed love to others. Whether human or pet. Definately "A MUST

READ"!!!!

I give Waffles and Pancakes 5/5 stars.

Angel Anne Reviews & Mystic Reviews

Apageaway says

This is a great book written by Cindy Springsteen. It was wonderfully written and had great illustrations. My son really enjoyed the book and I had to read it a few times and I'm sure I will have to read it to him again soon. He really loved the hamsters in the story. He also enjoyed the colorful pictures. I was worried that he wouldn't follow the story (since he just turned three), but he surprised me. He took from it that "cause you [mommy], and Nana, and pop love me so much we are happy with our little house." And "I should play with Eva (his puppy) sometimes instead of toys." This story has a wonderful message that with possessions don't make you happy, love does. I highly recommend this book and give it 5 out of 5 stars.

Jeannie and Louis Rigod says

This book appealed to me for the lesson it imparts to young readers. After having read the book aloud to my husband, I actually feel, adults need this lesson as well.

There are two Hamsters that are friends. Their names are Pancakes and Waffles. Each hamster is adopted by young boys.

One child has more advantages at home than the other. A chance meeting at school brings both boys and hamsters together and some very important life lessons are learned.

As stated above, sometimes us 'adults' forget basic values as life speeds up. This charming small book has a powerful message for us all.

Grace says

Beautifully written book that shows so much about friendship and bullying. It shows how children really can really get hurt by bullyies but there is always a reason why this person is a bully. This book is about two kids that each get a hamster and become best friends. These children know their hamsters so well that they notice that they have changed their behavior. The kids have to investigate what is going on with the hamsters. They decide to take the waffles and pancakes (hamsters) to the vet to see if he can help them. After the children brain storm they kind of figure out what is going on with the hamsters and a guinea pig that was at the same dr's visit a previous time. The point is these children care so much for their pets and worry why they have changed to the point they investigate and they themselves are bullyied by the owner of the guinea pig as the hamsters are. This book shows that we as parents need to pay attention to our loved ones. Once you notice something is different from their daily routines ask your children what is wrong. Also, it means that the bullyer is missing out on something in his life and thinks that by messing with others kids it will make a difference towards his persona. These are cautions flags for us parents. I loved the way the story was told. It was written perfectly where children can understand and not feel confused of what the story is trying to say. I

will definently have my 10 yrd old read this book

S. Policar says

This is a Libboo Copy. I do not have an Amazon or B&N or even a print copy of this book. Recieved this copy through Libboo and thus any errors found are in reference to THIS edition only.

As always, with children's books we start with Junior Reviewer Gallataea (Age 6)

"I liked this book. My mom says it's always better to get animals in pairs so they never have to be lonely when their humans are too busy to play with them. Oscar learned a real good lesson and I hope he remembers it the next time he sees Waffles and Pancakes."

My Thoughts

There is a section where a line repeats itself, but I assume that's simply because I have a copy from Libboo and there's a libboo page in the middle of the pages the repeat is on.

I also spied a page with the words overlapping the illustrations making it difficult to read but again that's probably just due the copy I have. I really wish I had a normal copy of this x.X

Anyway the story itself is a good one. It shows children how verbal bullying.. or being picked on.. Affects the people it's done to. It's definitely a life lesson every child should learn along with other forms of bullying.

I give this book 4 of 5 paws

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Autumn says

The set of hamsters Waffles and Pancakes each bought the same day at a pet store from 2 different boys provided hours of entertainment for my children.. Since reading A lesson in bullying we have re-read it countless times. I greatly enjoys the illustrations..

While its a fun and easy read with wonderful illustrations I found my favorite part of Waffles and Pancakes is the message.. Kids seem to be unaware of the damage bullying causes and with this social story children should be able to take the lesson with them and apply it to real life circumstances!

Andrea says

The story is a lesson in friendship, featuring two hamsters named Waffles and Pancakes. The hamsters live together at a pet store. One day, two little boys come in to purchase them. Danny's family doesn't have a lot of money for his new pet Waffles. Griffin, on the other hand, comes from a family that could afford to buy Pancakes all kinds of toys and a fancy cage for a house.

The boys attend the same school and quickly become friends because of their mutual love for hamsters. Pancakes and Waffles are overjoyed to be reunited. But Waffles is embarrassed about his meager home and belongings. The two start chatting and realize that the amount of things you have do not compare to the importance of being loved and played with. Waffles may not have a big home and a lot of toys, but Danny plays with him every single day. Pancakes has all kinds of gadgets, but Griffin never takes him out to play. Even the boys realize the difference in how they treat their pets. So, Griffin makes a concentrated effort to spend more time with Pancakes. He even decides to share some of his hamster stuff with Danny, so that Waffles can have more in his home.

This sweet story teaches children the important part of being friends - spending quality time together instead of comparing who has more toys. I remember as a child having a hard time when my parents wouldn't buy me all of the same toys that my friends had. I didn't realize it at the time, but I ended up with more valuable experiences. I think in today's society, we have become even more wrapped up with material things and need to be reminded of this lesson.

Kids also simply enjoy the story. One of the children with whom I shared it was an 8 year-old girl. Her direct response after reading it was, "It was a little bit short, but I liked it." She is now to the point where she is

finally enjoying longer stories. This story is short enough to also be enjoyed by preschool and kindergarten children.

More stories involving Waffles and Pancakes are in the works. We look forward to reading them!

I received a complimentary copy in exchange for my honest review.

Lisa Markson says

Lisa's review of
Waffles and Pancakes: A Lesson in Bullying
By Cindy Springsteen

I was given a copy of Waffles and Pancakes: A Lesson in Bullying by Cindy Springsteen in exchange for an honest review. First off I have to say that I have a son 6 years old that is autistic and adhd. He is in a special class at school with other kids with similar disabilities. They are currently have a problem with bullying in this class and this book couldn't have come out at a better time. The feelings of two hamster friends Waffles and Pancakes were greatly demonstrated in a manner that my son and the other kids in his class could understand. Bullying is mean and it hurts people greatly. If we are able to stop it at the lower levels hopefully we can eradicate it in the older kids before it becomes a problem. Oscar the Guinea Pig learns his lesson. Thank you Cindy for such a wonderful book and I can't wait to read more to my son.
