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Just in time for the holidays, a picture book adaption of the #1 New York Times bestselling book from author and popular radio/TV host Glenn Beck.

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From Reader Review The Christmas Sweater: A Picture Book for online ebook

White House Public Library says

One of my absolute favorite books to read at Christmas time! This book tells the story of a boy who wanted a bike for Christmas, but instead gets a sweater made by his mother that ends up being much better than any new toy. This story depicts the meaning of Christmas perfectly!

Teri says

This was a great, heart-warming, feel-good book. A light read, and a touching story about how a young boy learns what is truly important in life. It also serves to remind the reader of that very same thing. It's a short book, and easy to read right before the holidays. Highly recommended.

Patricia Gmitrovic says

A journey can take you to magical places and make you appreciate the most unlikely gifts

Heather says

2010 Family Christmas Book

Message about appreciating the simple things in life.

Starla Maddix says

This book is cute but nothing like the adult version.

Laurie says

Publishers Weekly (October 26, 2009)

The radio and TV host's debut picture book repackages his adult novel of the same name into a short parable. Eddie wants a bike for Christmas, but his twinkly-eyed grandpa tells him that he doesn't see a bike in the boy's future, but rather a Christmas sweater. When a disappointed Eddie takes a dream journey to a snowy forest, he opens a package containing the sweater and is whisked into a procession of idyllic Christmastime moments with his mother, father and grandpa. In the morning, it's the sweater he's excited about, not the

shiny bike. Dorman's warm, vintage-style digital illustrations complement Beck's unambiguous message. Ages 4-7. (Oct.) Copyright 2009 Reed Business Information.

Lori says

Cute book, all about how sometimes what you really want for Christmas (i.e a new toy) isn't really what you thought you wanted for Christmas. The little boy in the book at first really wants a new bike, but in the end he loves his Christmas Sweater, because it is handmade and has "Christmas magic". In other words, the gifts that really allow you to spend time with your family are the most important gifts of all. Good moral for children to learn in an age where the most expensive toy is seen as the best.

Briana says

overall it was an ok read. The illustrations weren't bad and the message for me was not all store bought gifts have to be store bought.

Taylor Meyer says

Summary: This is a heartfelt story about a young boy named Eddie who wants a bike for Christmas but his mother knits him a homemade sweater instead. He is disappointed but then a magical journey makes Eddie realize that the sweater is more than it seems.

Mentor writing trait: This book has an idea as a mentor writing trait. It does a great job of conveying a main message and meaning. I think this is great for Christmas because I feel like as young children, we sometimes forget the true meaning of Christmas and this book helps remind us of that.

Presentation: The physical appearance of this book is wonderful. The pictures really tell the story the author is conveying. The way he uses words to describe specific situations gives an easy read for the reader.

Organization: This book also does a great job of making you feel connected to the story. The key points fit into the right spot and really convey a great message.

Classroom integration: This would be a great story to read to all ages in your classroom. This book teaches you the true meaning of Christmas. Some people even adults can forget the meaning behind Christmas and this story reminds us of this. This would be great to read around the holidays. Reading a Christmas story, you must be careful when reading it in your classroom. Make sure you do a pre-assessment before introducing a specific Christmas book. A great way to have this be part of your classroom is your class could adopt a family and each student donate money and support a family for Christmas who may not be able to afford it. This would be a great way to teach younger kids about Christmas and how not everyone can afford Christmas and to not take it for granted.

Reading level: 3.4

Cactuskid says

Thought I wrote a review on this. Anyway a good story about the troubles of a boy who wanted a bike for Christmas but received a sweater his mother had made instead. She did not have the money to buy a bike at that time. How his anger was misdirected and bottled up inside him and how he eventually became aware of what was happening to him. A good story about life.

Maria Barci says

THIS WAS SUCH A FABULOUS BOOK. I CANNOT EXPLAIN ENOUGH THAT THIS BOOK DEPICTS THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS. IT LITERALLY WAS SUCH A BREATH OF FRESH AIR. I ABSOLUTELY LOVED IT. I CRIED FROM THE FIRST PAGE ALL THE WAY TIL THE END. IT WAS JUST SUCH A TOUCHING YET HEART WRENCHING INTENSE STORY ABOUT A STRUGGLE FOR A YOUNG BOY TO UNDERSTAND LIFE AND WHY THINGS TURN OUT THE WAY THEY DO. A BOOK BASED ON GLENN BECK'S ACTUAL CHILDHOOD, AND LET ME TELL YOU THE MAN HAS ACTUALLY REALLY STRUGGLED. IT IS AMAZING THAT HE GOT WHERE HE IS TODAY AND HE IS A GREAT WRITER AND A GREAT ROLE MODEL. HE REALLY KNOWS WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT, ESPECIALLY IN THIS BOOK. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY A MUST READ WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE A FAN OR A FOE OF GLENN BECK.

Melissa Lee says

My family and I enjoyed reading this Christmas story over the holidays. It has a wonderful moral that any age can resonate with. Brandon Dorman's illustrations had a vintage feel that were quite beautiful and captivating. I would recommend The Christmas Sweater to young and old. I look forward to reading the full novel this book was based on.

Nora says

This book shows that memories of experiences can be more meaningful than possessions.

Lu says

Very good; meaning of life and love

Molly Gould says

The message of the story wasn't very clear the way it was written but my sons and I had a discussion after reading it about why hand-made gifts are sometimes more special than fancy store-bought gifts. My 9 year

old son surprised me by jumping up and asking his older sister to teach him how to knit and he has been knitting a scarf for someone in the family for Christmas ever since we read the book. I thought the book was strange, but I suppose it had an effect on him. I've heard the chapter book is really good and plan on giving that a try.
