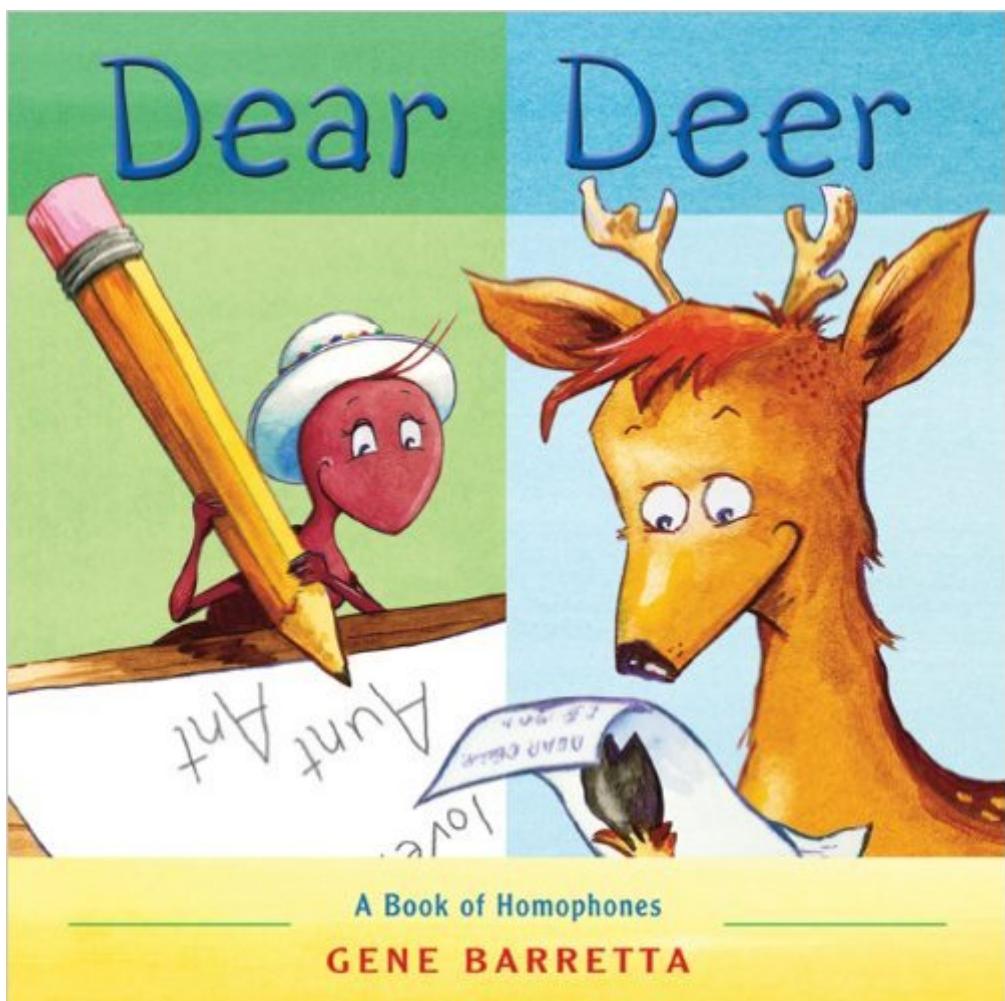


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Dear Deer: A Book Of Homophones



Synopsis

Clever Aunt Ant has just moved to the zoo. Speaking in homophones, she describes the quirky animal behavior she sees. There's the MOOSE who loved MOUSSE and ATE EIGHT bowls, and the WHALE who was ALLOWED to WAIL ALOUDâ •and that's just for starters. This playful picture book introduces children to the richness of language through the concept of homophones. A romp through the zoo has never been so eye-opening.

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Customer Reviews

The first time I read this one to my four-year-old we both ended up laughing so hard we could hardly breathe. It's a cool concept, teaching kids about homophones.... words that are spelled differently, have different meanings, but sound the same. The premise of the story is that Aunt Ant is writing to her nephew, Dear Deer, and giving him an update on all her neighbors and friends. Some of the words I had to explain to my son but by and large he got it. It was almost at the end when we got to the gnus that it turned so funny. Jack pointed to the picture of the gnu on the page and asked what that was. I said a gnu. He pointed to the other one and asked what that was. I said a gnu. He said "Well, what about them?" And I read from the page, "There is no news about the gnus. They keep to themselves." Well, that just put both of us in stitches. We laughed so hard we couldn't stop. Ok, maybe you had to be there. But, it's just a plain fun, silly, and yes, educational book. Buy it.

Story Summary: Aunt Ant has just moved to the zoo. She speaks in homophones as she describes the quirky animal behavior she sees. Among the animals she sees are a moose, a whale, a deer, a toad and a ewe. This picture book, with its vivid illustrations, introduces children to homophones and an interesting cast of characters as well. Homonyms and homophones are super fun to teach because of the funny scenarios that can be created by combining them into one wacky situation or the comic misunderstandings that can take place when some accidentally conjures up the wrong homonym. "Dear Deer" does exactly that and will have your students laughing out loud at the utter silliness. If you are teaching homonyms and homophones, read them this book and they will definitely (1) get the concept, (2) have fun with it, and (3) be itching to create and share their own funny word play riddles!

This is an awfully cute book, and the author clearly got the idea for it from Fred Gwynne's "The King Who Rained" and "A Chocolate Mousse", but that doesn't detract from its cleverness. It's not as original as Gwynne's books which were really about a child's misunderstanding of colloquialisms in the English language, but it is well loved by my younger grandchildren - 6 years old and a bit older. Of course, the younger ones are too young to appreciate it, and the older children (up to 22) are much too old to do more than get a kick out of their siblings' reactions when they read it to the younger ones. The great-grandchildren are still too young for it, but it will be around for them when they're a little older. I hope that Barretta will put out more homophone books, maybe for an older age group. I work with high school girls who have learning disabilities, and they need a great deal of work on homophones. A book such as this on their level would go a lo-o-o-o-o-ong way to helping my students visualize the differences in the words that are spelled differently as I teach them about the roots of the individual words, and give them mnemonics that help them to keep the words straight. I'd have given the book five stars if it had been aimed at slightly older children and was a bit more ironically written. As it is, it's really enjoyable and I do recommend it with 4.5 stars. Kids will love it. It also makes a great gift.

I used this book in my elementary writing classroom and the kids seemed to always want to borrow it. I think partly because it's simple and they were very motivated in learning to spell for the spelling bee!

One of the best books to teach homophones- fun and inspiring. Your children will be creating their own pages to add.

This book is nicely done. My kiddos love it (8, 7, 6, 4, and 3). The older ones understand now what a homophone is and they have a lot of fun using/spelling words from this book. It has not only (easily) taught them what a homophone is but the different spelling for each as well. I enjoy reading this book with them. It would be great for any at home library or for any teacher who may not have this book. Our school doesn't teach homophones until 2nd grade so I brought this book in as a mystery reader to a first grade class room and donated it. The kids loved it!

I bought this book along with "Silent Letters Loud and Clear" to help my struggling child learn to read and spell better. I had him read both books daily for a month. The results were great. He was able to perform better in language arts and now teaches his younger cousins. I recommend this book not only to younger children, but to those who may be struggling to understand some of the rules that can be confusing in the English Language. It is silly and can be read quickly. Repeat exposure will make it second nature.

My children absolutely love Gene's latest creation. It was great to see their little minds work to figure out the meaning of the homophones. Great job Gene. Can't wait till your next book so that we can add another one of your works to our collection.

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