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Pancakes, Pancakes!



Synopsis

The barnyard rooster crows and Jack wakes up -- hungry, of course! What does he want for breakfast? A big pancake! But first, Jack's mother needs flour from the mill, an egg from the black hen, milk from the spotted cow, butter churned from fresh cream, and firewood for the stove. Will Jack ever get his pancake? With his trademark vibrant collage illustrations and a lively text, Eric Carle has created a mouthwatering tale for young readers.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Pancakes, Pancakes! is another beautifully illustrated Eric Carle book for the youngsters. My son likes nothing better than a huge plate of pancakes for breakfast and was attracted to this book immediately upon viewing its cover depicting a large, happy pancake. Pancakes, Pancakes! tells the story of a hungry little boy who wakes one morning with a craving for pancakes. He asks his mom for pancakes but she's too busy and tells him to collect the things needed to make them instead (they apparently don't sell the frozen ones in this story). He's a good little boy and does so without complaint. He has to make the flour (by hand!), wait for the hen to lay an egg, milk the spotted cow, churn the butter and so on until he has all of the ingredients assembled. Frankly, I was surprised this poor child didn't complain and then collapse from exhaustion! Finally, the sweet boy gets his pancakes and all ends well. My kids were riveted to this tale and especially enjoyed the illustrations.

They were particularly fascinated by the page containing a picture of the ingredients the boy collected. The story also invited a lot of questions (my kids are used to microwave pancakes and were quite bewildered by the lengths the boy had to go to for breakfast). They both seemed to enjoy it very much and, best of all, it held their attention and made them think and ask questions instead of zoning out while I read. All of this combined with the beautiful art work makes *Pancakes, Pancakes!* a keeper for us.

I think a lot of families make pancakes as their special Sunday morning breakfast; we never did until I read this book. It makes it so easy! While I was setting up the ingredients my husband read this book to my daughter. Then we cooked them just like the book said. I really recommend the Swedish Pancake Mix by Lund's for this instead of Aunt Jemima since the Swedish mix you have to stir and stir to get all the lumps completely out. You can even pour it into a jar and shake it to get it smooth, which is a great task for a four year old. If you have several kids, they can take turns stirring, passing it back and forth forever and you don't have to worry that "overmixing will toughen pancakes" like with Aunt J. Even better, you take the Lund's mix and add milk (not water) and an egg which is just like the book... and they make tiny little pancakes which are just kid size. You only use a tablespoon of batter at a time. (And jam on pancakes, like in the book, is easier for kids to eat and less messy than syrup... perfect all around, since they'll want to do it like Jack does). *Pancakes, Pancakes* made a great Sunday morning at our house even better! And I really like how, if you read it every week, your children will take different things away from it each time, from a small child learning that milk comes from cows/eggs from chickens, to an older child discovering the entire process of threshing wheat. Eric Carle has written a classic which will grow with your family. I really recommend making this book a part of your own traditions.

Be careful here. The Ready-to-Read edition has fewer words and is not nearly as good as the original. I would advise tracking down the real thing rather than settling for this version. I'm always surprised that authors allow their works to be ruined like this.

I had no idea it was going to be a teeny tiny book, 4x6". Because it was hard back I thought it would be a normal sized pictured book. I got taken. Now, I have had to spend more money, ordering a normal sized book.

My daughter loves the quiet cricket and lonely firefly, but I have not yet been able to find another

eric carle book that she loves as much as those-Not what I expected for a storyline and font was too small for a child's book...

When Jack wakes up with a hankering for pancakes, he asks his mother to make them. Jack's mother is busy, though, and directs Jack to go through the labors of Hercules to fulfill his desire: Jack not only has to harvest and thresh the wheat and have the wheat milled, but he has to encourage the hen to lay an egg, milk the cow, churn the butter, fetch the jam, mix all the ingredients together and cook the pancakes over the stove. By my calculations, Jack doesn't get his pancakes until dinnertime. I kept expecting him to holler in frustration, "What the heck does a guy have to do to get a pancake?" On the other hand, none of these thoughts occurred to my three year old son. Fascinated by the book's colorful pictures, he enjoyed talking about what wheat is, where milk and eggs come from, that some cows have spots and wear bells, and how sometimes good things require patience and lots of hard work. And then we ate pancakes and jam.

Pancakes, Pancakes has been my favorite "elementary" book for years! I love this book even now and I am in middle school. Eric Carle is a great children's author. I have about every one of his books he has ever written. The illustrations are beautiful to look at and the stories are so appealing to young readers. Great job, Mr. Eric Carle!!!!!!!

Pancakes, Pancakes is a wonderful story for kids 3 and up! Our hero, Jack, embarks upon a remarkable and entertaining adventure: gathering the ingredients to make his pancakes. The book teaches self-reliance, teaches the basics of where what we eat comes from and offers a progressive format that young children find entertaining.

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