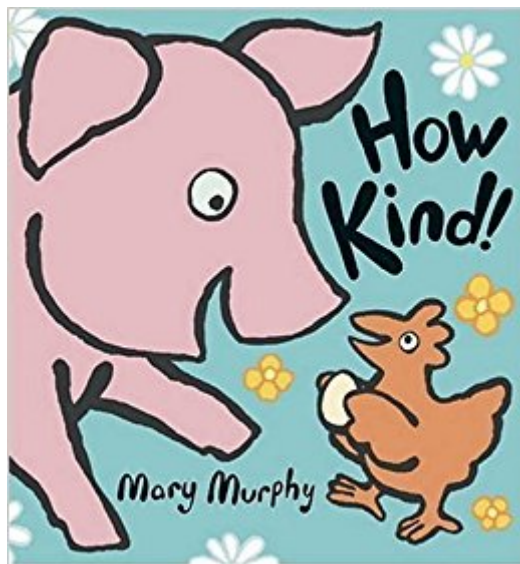


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# How Kind!



## Synopsis

One good turn deserves another - and another - in this universal tale about the contagiousness of being kind. Hen gives Pig an unexpected present. "How kind!" says Pig. Pig is so touched, in fact, that he decides to do something kind too. So Pig gives Rabbit a gift. "How kind!" says Rabbit, who does something kind for Cow, who is kind to Cat, who wants to be kind in turn. Where will all of this kindness lead?

## Book Information

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Age Range: 2 - 5 years

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## Customer Reviews

Streamlined compositions complement the straightforward message in this circular tale in which one good deed hatches another (and another and another). Hen triggers a string of goodwill gestures when she gives her egg away to Pig. "How kind!" Pig responds, then thinks, "I would like to do something kind too." He gives Rabbit a carrot and so continues the sequence of thoughtful acts that eventually leads back to Hen. Using a few assured strokes, Murphy (Roxie and Bo Together) depicts the happy farm animals with their innocent mannerisms; for example, just two easy lines in the neighborhood of Pig's eye convey his pleasure while Puppy scratches Pig's back. A handful of vibrant colors, varying from spread to spread, adds verve, as when the lilac Cat chases the chartreuse Puppy down an orange path, against green ground. The thick black outlines that define each character match the oversize rounded type that, resembling a child's printing, often sprawls

across most of a page. The absence of superfluous background details and the flat perspective aptly suit the story's direct theme and keep readers focused on its meaning. Sure to resonate with its intended preschool audience. Ages 3-5. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

PreSchool-Grade 2-Using the theme that kindness begets kindness, Murphy depicts barnyard animals exchanging gifts. The boldly inked outlines filled with bright washes of color perfectly capture the friends' joyous expressions as they surprise one another with presents. The cycle begins when hen gives pig an egg. Pig replies, "How kind!" Then he gives a carrot to rabbit, who gives flowers to cow, who gives milk to cat, who plays with dog, who scratches pig's back with a stick. The thoughtfulness comes full circle when pig presents hen with her newly hatched chick. Although the story line is a bit simplistic and didactic, most children will appreciate the repetition and eye-catching illustrations in this easy-to-read book. Laurie Edwards, West Shore School District, Camp Hill, PA Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This was recommended on a book list I came across to teach young children about kindness and compassion. It's something that I definitely want to teach my almost 3yo. I always read reviews prior to making purchases and this book had great reviews so I went ahead and purchased. While I definitely appreciate the message and the artwork was cute, I found the story a little bit odd. A soon-to-be Mama chicken gives a pig one of her eggs which then causes this chain reaction of kindness and happiness all over the farm. At the end, the pig returns the now hatched chick to the Mama chicken and everything comes full circle. I loved how all the farm animals were thoughtful about how they could be kind to each other and really appreciated all the many different ways they paid kindness forward - both by the giving things and the giving of their time. The only thing that bothered me was the soon-to-be Mama chicken giving one of her eggs away at the beginning and getting back one of her chicks at the end. Am I reading too much into it? Perhaps. Also, my daughter doesn't enjoy reading this book and she likes most of her books which is ultimately why I took my rating from 4 to 3 stars. I think she would have enjoyed this when she was a little bit younger (6mo-2yo).

very simple concept about how kindness comes back around. sweet, short story for young kids.

simple book with good message. for younger kids (maybe 4 and under)

I really like all the examples in this book of how to be kind. Story is a little odd (spoiler alert :-)) in that hen gives an egg and ends up getting a chick back in the end. but a child may find this funny. I just love all the ways it shows how to be kind. By giving flowers, by playing your friends favorite game, etc. Each animal that has something kind done for it, thinks that is great and goes on to do something kind for someone else. Haven't seen any other books this good about kindness for really young kids.

What a cute book with a great message!

Adorable story and illustrations. And I really love the message. My son is not yet two, so he likes the pictures of the animals, but I look forward to reading it to him when he begins to understand about the importance of kindness and looking out for others.

I always tell my girls to be Brave & Kind. We found this book in a waiting room and loved it. Now my little one "reads" it to herself, often. :)

Love this book. Loved it so much (after receiving as a gift and it got loved apart) that we bought another copy. My oldest kids love reading it to the littler ones. Just a sweet, sweet story!

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