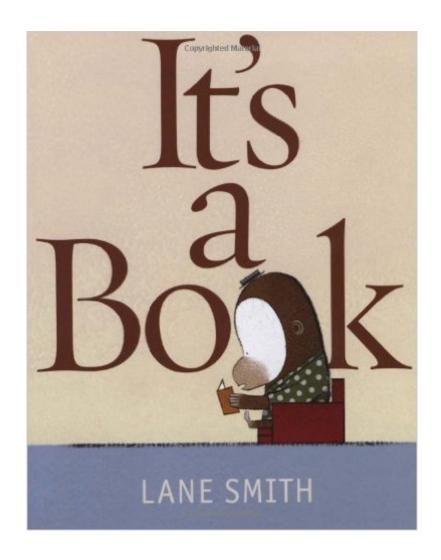
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It's A Book





Synopsis

Playful and lighthearted with a subversive twist that is signature Lane Smith, Itâ ™s a Book is a delightful manifesto on behalf of print in the digital age. This satisfying, perfectly executed picture book has something to say to readers of all stripes and all ages.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Having only gotten into the review process fairly recently (my reviews usually go directly to publishers), I had occasion, when creating a lesson/program plan, to pick up the wonderful IT'S A BOOK once again. I did not consult any reviews when I originally purchased the book, and have had great success, as well as a ton of fun, using this picture book, with adult and child audiences, to illustrate the importance of "true life" books! I was quite surprised at the controversial aspects posed by reviewers regarding vocabulary in the book, and other complaints. My take on this lovely little book is that it is a fable for us in modern times....and it is, quite simply and totally, exactly what it purports to be at face value. The animal being spoken to on the final page of the book is, indeed, a jackass. The book makes its point in a simple, almost brilliant way...and reminds us all not to become jackasses ourselves by forgetting to recognize the incredible value of a true life, actual, physical, text, book! I encourage all to read with a smile and don't take this book overly seriously, but to take its message to heart. Would many of our young children recognize a cassette tape

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