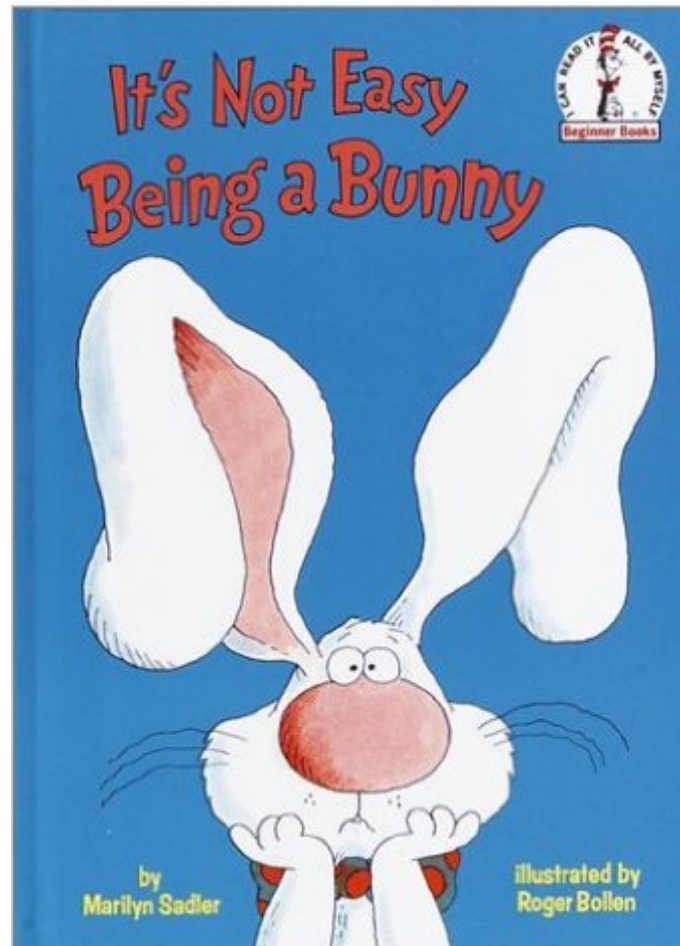


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# It's Not Easy Being A Bunny (Beginner Books(R))



## Synopsis

Meet P. J. Funnybunny in this humorous and touching Beginner Book by Marilyn Sadler and Roger Bollen. It's Not Easy Being a Bunny tells the story of P.J. and his quest to become something other than what he is. Is it more fun to be a bear, a bird, or a pig? Read along as P.J. tries to determine who he is and where he belongs. Originally created by Dr. Seuss, Beginner Books encourage children to read all by themselves, with simple words and illustrations that give clues to their meaning. "Sick of being a bunny, P. J. Funnybunny takes off to become a bear. Hibernation gets dull, so he tries being a bird. And so it goes, with beavers, pigs, possums, and skunks--till P. J. realizes that bunnyhood is for him. The short, repeating text is ideal for beginners and the bright, humorous cartoons will get immediate attention."-- School Library Journal.

## Book Information

Lexile Measure: 590L (What's this?)

Series: Beginner Books(R)

Hardcover: 48 pages

Publisher: Random House Books for Young Readers; Grolier Book Club edition (September 12, 1983)

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Product Dimensions: 6.8 x 0.3 x 9.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 4.8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.9 out of 5 stars See all reviews (135 customer reviews)

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

This is a favorite bedtime story that my 4 year old just adores. Ultimately it's about being happy with who you are and it teaches the lesson in a simple, fun to read story.

This is a great book that my 4 and 5 year old boys like having read to them. The illustrations are

very fun and the cadence is just right for a fun read before bedtime. I also like that it addresses why PJ thought he wanted to be different but found that he liked being himself. The story is told straight forward and I think that is why my kids are able to understand the parable so well.

This book is so funny -- as the name of the characters reveal, the Funnybunnies have loads of adventures to which every child can relate. P.J. isn't happy with his looks. In fact, he despises his long ears and even rejects his cooked carrots at mealtime. He sets off to find his identity by trying out various families in the community. He isn't comfortable with the bears, the birds, the beavers, pigs, possums or moose. Ultimately, P.J. recognizes the merits of being a bunny after all. This uplifting tale is easy for first readers because of its repetition. Younger siblings will enjoy the brilliant illustrations. Parents will love it for the ability to shout "Mooook" like a moose in the middle of the story. I'm particularly fond of this book as it is the first book my daughter ever read in English (we are raising them bilingually in Germany). Hats off to the Funnybunnies, and the author, Marilyn Sadler, who created them. Christine Louise Hohlbaum, author of "Diary of a Mother" and "SAHM I Am: Tales of a Stay-at-Home Mom in Europe", lives near Munich with her husband and two children. [...]

My toddler son received this book as a gift for his first birthday. It came highly recommended from a teen friend who had treasured it as a childhood favorite. We weren't disappointed. I am not sure if it is the language, simple illustrations, or the premise but he never tires of It's Not Easy Being a Bunny. Not only do we recommend this book, we have already purchased it for other first birthday gifts. We give it an unequivocal A+ rating.

I am really surprised by other parents' take-away from this book. I bought it off a recommendation from a friend and I can't say that I agree with my friend or the 5-star rating. I fear the message of "being happy with who you are" gets lost in all the insults PJ has for his neighbors. All those kind woodland creatures look so happy and welcoming to PJ who then insults their defining characteristics on his way out the door. Also, the beavers work too hard?! What kind of lesson is that? "Oh, don't associate with that type...they work too hard." I understand that PJ is obviously going through an identity crisis, but he seems awfully judgmental and not very grateful for the hospitality of his neighbors. The illustrations are pretty cute.

Read it at bedtime for a 4 year old boy. He asks for it often enough and he likes to fill in the blanks, so I read it that way. Very cute. I like books that I buy for children's home collection that they ask to

have read to them time and time again.

This book has the typical story line of the main character not wanting to be who he is so tries to be a bunch of other things (or animals in this case). What's truly cute in this one is that he also tries to look like them. My little one's giggles over the pictures was well worth getting this one. I'm also hoping she might be reading it to me soon.

This is a darling story of a bunny who thinks he might be happier being something different, so he heads out into the world to try living with different animals. In the end he comes to realize that being a bunny is actually perfect for him. I have read this story over and over again and have never tired of reading it. I have given it as baby gifts so others can enjoy this read with their children.

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