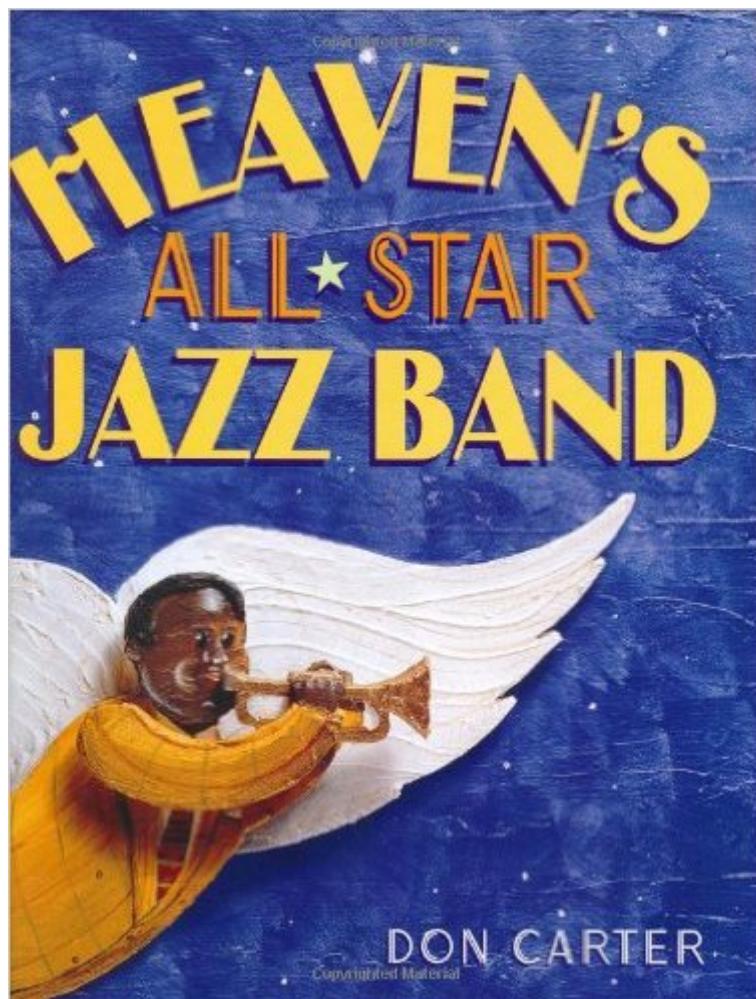


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Heaven's All-Star Jazz Band



Synopsis

In a text that grooves and swings with the rhythms of jazz, Don Carter celebrates some of America's greatest jazz legends. Grandpa Jack loved jazz. He called it "heavenly." So now that heaven is where Grandpa Jack is at, his grandson imagines it to be a place filled with music. In a club called the Cotton, Grandpa Jack can hear all his favorite musicians play together in Heaven's All-Star Jazz Band. And when that glorious music has filled his soul, Grandpa Jack steps up onto the stage and adds his own bit of rhythm with his famous spoons solo. Don Carter celebrates some of jazz's greatest legends and the lasting bond their music creates between a boy and his grandfather.

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

I am a school volunteer who read this book aloud to a fifth grade class. I also borrowed some CDs from the library and made a tape of short pieces from some of the mentioned musicians -- Dizzy's Salt Peanuts, Louis Armstrong (It Don't Mean a Thing if it ain't got that swing) and Billie Holiday. The soundtrack really made it come alive for the 10 and 11 year olds, who were happily groovin' along. I think it helped them appreciate how current music relates to the past, and how love and respect for their elders can lead to some great discoveries and shared fun between generations.

I read this book to my son when he was a toddler, and we listened to a number of the artists and songs in the book. I talked to him about how my father introduced me to jazz, and now that my father is jammin with Heaven's All Star Jazz Band this book makes me feel closer to him. As a PreK teacher, I used this book as the central text for a theme on Jazz and Jazz musicians during African American History Month. I put together a photo album with many of the artists in the book and either played them songs that are mentioned in the book or songs that each artist was famous for. By the end of February, I had a group of 13 4- and 5-year olds who could identify artists by photo alone, name an instrument that they played and hit the "salt peanuts, salt peanuts" riff on time! I adore this book. Thank you Don Carter! And thanks to my father, Cedric Hinson for raising me on such quality music. You live on in my love of jazz.

Loved this book! In subtle tones it allows young children to understand that moving on is a great thing! Kids learn about great jazz musicians and what heaven is like for beloved patriarchs. Fabulous, fabulous book!

I found this book to be very entertaining. However, an adult would probably have to be a jazz fan to really appreciate it.

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