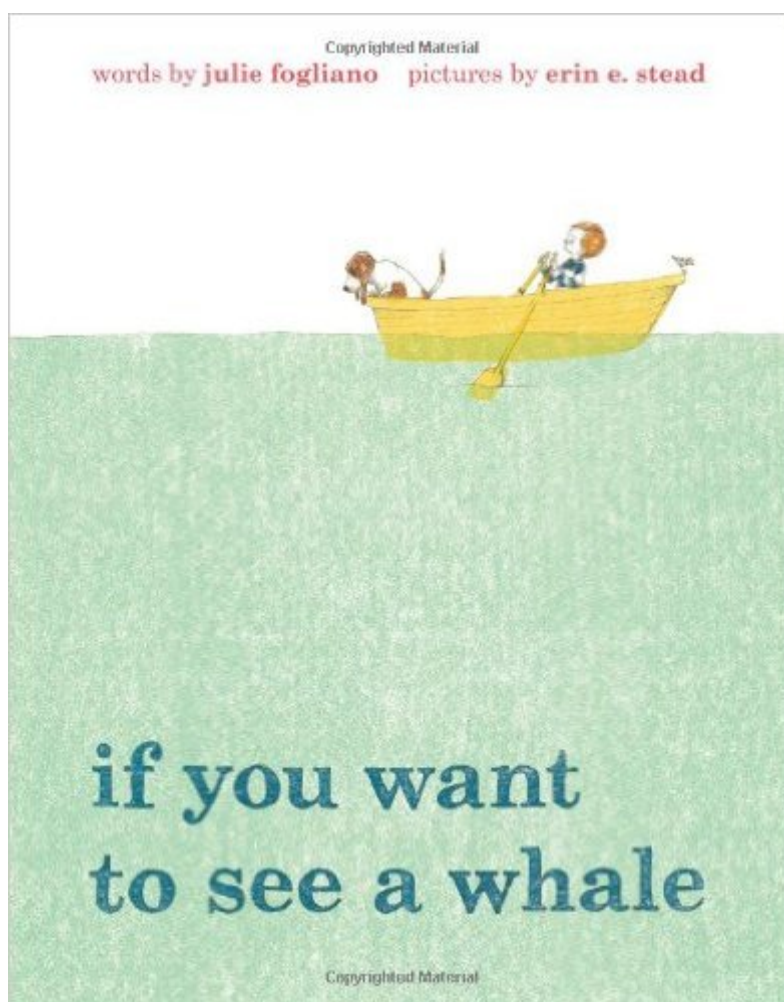


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# If You Want To See A Whale



## Synopsis

If you want to see a whale, you will need to know what not to look at. Pink roses, pelicans, possible pirates . . . If you want to see a whale, you have to keep your eyes on the sea, and wait . . . and wait . . . and wait . . . In this quiet and beautiful picture book by Julie Fogliano and Erin E. Stead, the team that created the Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor book *And Then It's Spring*, a boy learns exactly what it takes to catch a glimpse of an elusive whale. This title has Common Core connections. A Neal Porter Book A Publishers Weekly Best Children's Book of 2013A Kirkus Reviews Best Book of 2013

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## Customer Reviews

if you want to see a whale is the kind of book you can read night after night after night, and never be bored! It is absolutely lyrical, and the drawings are so comforting. Loved

Like many young children, my four year old son is fascinated with animals, including marine life. I read this book to him quite a bit. As an adult, I appreciate it, because of its lyrical qualities, and the beauty in the illustrations. Like another reviewer, I sometimes get a little teary-eyed when reading it. There's something very poignant about this lone boy and his dog, whiling away the days searching for a whale. One of the more moving children's books we read on a regular basis. Really beautiful. There is also a point to be said for certain younger ones maybe not enjoying this as much.

My two year old daughter doesn't have the patience for it. To each their own.

This book is a little slice of heaven... You can read over and over again and find something intriguing every time!!!

We gave this as a gift to a 4 year old who lives near the ocean. I thought the book was sweet and poetic. It also seems good for the age group. My 3 year old daughter has yet to see much marine life (although there is plenty here) because she is looking everywhere all the time and gets distracted :)

This book is perfect for little people from 2-5 years old, and also for imaginative "grow ups" too. The story is simply told, and the ending is as creative as the whole little book. The illustrations are outstanding and an integral part of the story. My two granddaughters both love it.

Sometimes you want a zippy book and sometimes a funny one and sometimes a silly one. But sometimes you want a quiet book for a quiet time. With its interesting but soothing pastel images this book lends itself to a close and comfortable snuggly reading time. The prose is clear and each word is carefully chosen, but not at all condescending or simplified as in a "See spot run" sort of way . It encourages thoughtful reading and understanding, and lends itself to conversation between the reader and the child as the book progresses. This is awfully hard to do, especially because one poorly framed page can break the spell. It even has a mellow joke ending. What a nice find, with such a light, lovely touch.

This is an incredible book, beautifully written and illustrated. While some reviewers have noted that the story might be a bit slow for a very young child, it really just depends on the kid. When we first started reading this to our son at 20 months, there were one or two pages where we skipped a word or two in order to keep his interest. It was possible to do that without detracting too much from the story, or from the beautiful writing. However, there is no longer any need to do that just two months later. He waits in quiet anticipation for the last three pages -- and is delighted every time we read it.

'If You Want To See A Whale', is the kind of book you can read anywhere, any time. Your child will love it, but most importantly so will you. There are some books, we all know this, that the parent may skip over the pages, hoping your child won't notice. That won't be the case with this book. If we

wanted to see a whale as a child, we realized we had to go to the sea. We had no other options. This young boy and his beagle want to see a whale, and in the process of looking for the whale, they see many other things. Each time you read this story, you will find a new thought. This kind of book opens the door for your children to ask all sorts of questions, and great discussions can ensue. Or, this can be the quiet book, just before sleep. Julie Fogliano, the author has the ability to draw the readers into her imagination, she takes her time, and we become enthralled with her story. The illustrations by Erin Snead brings the quiet but colorful prose to life. The water colored illustrations give us more time to use our imaginations on our search. This quiet storyline creeps up on us, and the words give us a sense of well being. If you really want to see a whale, you really have to observe, carefully. Highly Recommended. prisrob 01-07-1

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