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# Marsupial Sue Book And CD



## Synopsis

If you're a Kangaroo through and through, Just do what Kangaroos do. Young Sue really doesn't like being a kangaroo, so she goes off to find something better. First she tries climbing the trees like a koala, but that doesn't work. Then she wades into the sea like a platypus, but that's no good either. Finally, Sue joins up with some bouncy, jouncy wallabies...and discovers that being a kangaroo isn't so bad, after all. Using a jaunty waltz rhythm, actor, comedian, and best-selling author John Lithgow reassures children that they can be happy with who they are. For listening or singing along, a CD of a John Lithgow performance of Marsupial Sue and an instrumental version is included with this book, as is the score of the song.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Poor Marsupial Sue, she just hates being a kangaroo. All that hopping around gives her a backache, headache, sideache and even a tummyache, so she sets out to try and be something else. The life of a Koala looked good, until she fell out of the tree and living by the sea as a Platypus seemed nice, until she got sick eating all that seafood. She'd just have to try something else. Just then she sees a Wallaby. He looked a lot like Sue, only smaller and was having such a great time bouncing and flouncing and jouncing along, that she just had to join him and it was fun. So Sue learned the most important lesson of all: "Be happy with who you are./Don't ever stray to far from

you./Get rid of that frown/And waltz up and down/beneath a marsupial star./If you're a kangaroo through and through,/Just do what kangaroos do."..... John Lithgow has written a silly, funny, joyous song and picture book, with a gentle message, that will delight youngsters with it's bouncy energy and lilting rhyme. His humorous text is complemented by Jack Davis' bold, bright and expressive artwork, full of charming detail and kids and adults alike will giggle as they watch Australia's sunglassed, hat wearing, Birkenstocked denizens do their thing. Complete with sheet music and CD, Marsupial Sue is perfect for youngsters 3-7 and is a book the entire family will enjoy reading and singing together and with its catchy waltzing rhythm, even dancing, too.

This is a great story for kids. The message that you can go through different adventures to find your true self is terrific. And the CD with John Lithgow singing the story of Sue is really funny.

When I read this book to my kids, (3 and 5) they weren't too excited about the story, but when I realized there was a CD in the back, they were eager to hear the song. Now my 3 year old had the whole song memorized and we must read the book every night, with the CD. A great book, especially with the music to accompany it. I hope John does more.

This is a charming book! I read it nightly to my daughter, but once we began listening to the CD, the book took on a new tone. The melody of the song is so lighthearted and uplifting that neither one of us can stop singing it. The story is a wonderful testament on being "who you are." I highly recommend it!

This book was an instant hit with my two girls even before I put in the CD. After I put in the CD, my girls wanted to listen to it every day, over and over and over again. We even played "marsupial sue" by acting out the events as the song played. I originally got it from the library but we are getting our own copy.

I first found this book at our local public library, and checked it out because of the fun, colorful illustrations. Although it was somewhat hard to read the first few times, due to the irregular rhyme scheme, it became progressively easier after listening to the CD several times. My daughter absolutely loves the book, and after only having it a week, could sing the entire story (she's three). It is a fun book that really sticks with kids, and I love that my daughter is learning, "Be happy with who you are" at such a young age. This book would be great for kids of all ages, especially those who

have had a rough day or experience and are wishing for a moment they were somewhere or someone else.

I am thrilled to find a book of such delightful artwork, (the depiction of Marsupial Sue and her Love Beads and Birkenstocks is hilarious), terrific singing lessons and meaningful message - BE HAPPY WITH WHO YOU ARE - all rolled into one great book. This book is a joy to own and to sing with your child and is a must for your children's personal libraries as well as gifts to any child you care about. On the way home from the library, my four year old son discovered the CD in this book and we began to listen. We LOVED it from the start. We also enjoyed the instrumental version that followed John's singing because it immediately encouraged us to recall the song and the words and to learn. What an ingenious idea for encouraging children to learn and sing something that is definitely a little challenging, different and fun, all at the same time! We were highly impressed with Mr. Lithgow's awards for this book and for its support of the Save the Music Foundation - a non-profit organization supporting music education for children. We are buying this book and will next seek out each of Mr. John Lithgow's other works - the Manatee and Farkle McBride and any other that he produces - to own for our son's personal collection. A TREASURE. Bravo, John Lithgow & Jack Davis! Encore, please!

I bought a copy of this book for my 6 year old daughter and also purchased one for her kindergarten teacher for Teacher Appreciation Week. My daughter loved it. She read it everyday for over a week. That was over 6 months ago and it's still one of her favorites. The story is great and delivers a great message in terms of self-acceptance. The illustrations are wonderful. And the best part of all is the CD that comes with it. The story is sung by the author, John Lithgow himself. You can't listen without smiling. The book and CD were also a great hit with her kindergarten class. The kids asked for it on a daily basis!! They all soon learned the lyrics of the song! I highly recommend this book!

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