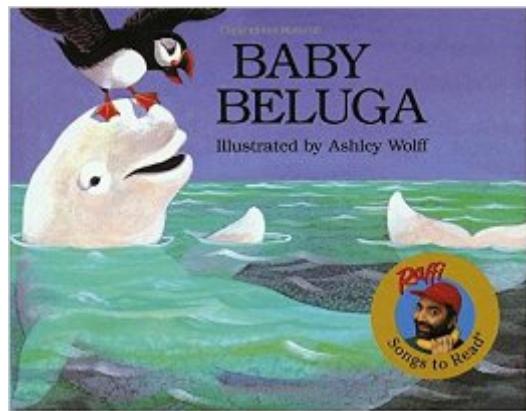


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Baby Beluga (Raffi Songs To Read)



Synopsis

Raffi's signature song and the top seller in his Songs to Read series, Baby Beluga is now available in a quality board book edition perfect for his youngest fans.

Book Information

Series: Raffi Songs to Read

Board book: 32 pages

Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers; Brdbk edition (August 12, 1997)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0517709775

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Product Dimensions: 5.3 x 0.7 x 6.8 inches

Shipping Weight: 8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.8 out of 5 starsÂ See all reviewsÂ (212 customer reviews)

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Age Range: 3 and up

Grade Level: Preschool and up

Customer Reviews

"Baby Beluga" tells the story of a little Beluga Whales daily adventures in the "deep blue sea." The beautiful illustrations and charming story captured my attention instantly. Not familiar with Raffi, and his music, I was unaware of the popularity of the song, by the same title, until noticing the back cover, where it is mentioned. I have since purchased the CD, and CAN NO LONGER read this book; I have to SING it! "Baby Beluga in the deep blue sea, swim so wild and you swim so free. Heaven above and the sea below, and a little white whale on the go." The editorial comments regarding Ashley Wolff's illustrations are harsh. As an artist, I regard the work to be first-rate! The mostly analogous color palette (ocean blues and greens) is bright and true to life, while the expressions are communicative and warm. Perhaps, a little more contrast between the Beluga Whales and the sea is in order, but that is a personal preference. Besides, compared to ANY of the severely cold computer-generated images available in books today, the illustrations in this book are superior. "Baby Beluga" is a delightful book independently, although, combined with the music; it is IRRESISTIBLE! One-year and up.

I have been teaching Head Start for 6 years and one of my lesson plans is based on the book and music of Baby Beluga. The book has many teaching points such as night and day, living in a cold environment, naming and counting animals. The children love it. We make a bottle with blue water and a white balloon turns into a whale and while the music plays the children make waves with the bottle. I've never found a child who didn't like this activity.

Whether you know Raffi's music or not, this is a great little book. My children love it. We have had it long enough that our oldest now reads it to the younger ones. There seems to be a natural interest among many children about things that live in the ocean. This book fuels that interest. The book is fun, well illustrated, and a joy to read. Do your children ask you to read them some books over and over again? Mine do, and this is one that has had the covers nearly read off of it! If you haven't seen this book, give it a try. It's also a good book for beginning readers to work on. Top notch! 5 stars!

My two year old daughter LOVES this book/song. My only complaint is that in this book, the music isn't included at the end (Raffi's "Wheels on the Bus" song to read has the sheet music included on the last page). Without also owning the "Baby Beluga" Raffi CD, we wouldn't know the tune. Other than that, it's great.

The illustrations are beautiful; the song is very simple and gentle. When the music and the book are used together, it drives my 8 month old daughter crazy with delight. She loves the colorful animals, and can barely contain her excitement at the turning of each page.

My sons love Raffi music and videos. We have checked out all of his "song" books at the library so I decided to buy a few of them for our own use. My guys grab the books when they hear the song and like me to turn the pages with the music. My only complaint is that the library editions had the music and words at the back, whereas the board books do not, so if you can carry a tune but haven't heard the song, you won't know the rhythm of the music. But these books are still great for reading, even if you don't know the tune. And if you have Raffi music in the car, include this book for the back seat passengers to "read" while the music is playing. Baby Beluga has delightful illustrations of "sea creatures" (whales, penguins, etc) as well as making the song personal by including a young eskimo child in the book. Most children are fans of whales, seals and the like anyways, but parents should enjoy reading this book to their children. It's easy to read, with clear,

large print and simple pictures. Great for the toddler age to read or sing along and the short enough for the under 18 months crowd. And while the animals are not labeled, it would be perfect for a before and after book if you take young children to an aquarium or zoo.

We LOVE Raffi. This book is beautifully illustrated and perfect for Raffi fans. However, it is extremely concerning to me that a picture of whales would accompany "where the dolphins play." Seriously? It's hard to believe because the book has great illustrations. I was so disappointed. My two year old immediately noticed and questioned it. Ugh! I'm shocked more reviews/people aren't seriously bothered by a children's book inaccurately depicting an animal. In the end, fine for my animal loving two year old who already knows every animal on the planet...he won't be confused...BUT not so great for my little one who still needs to learn his animals. Side note...I was so disturbed and angered by this page that I looked it up. Turns out there is a dolphin that looks like a whale....but I'm pretty sure the picture in this book is just of whales. Even if it was intended to be this particular kind of dolphin, a standard gray dolphin should have been used...as this book is written for young children who may just be learning about animals. Update. My friend fixed it!

My fourteen month old "sings" the title when she wants me to read it to her. The illustrations captivate her and are helping to expand her animal vocabulary.

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