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Snuggle, snuggle.

Time to rest.

Nana joins us in her nest.

There is no one like Nana in the whole wide world. She is the *best*. Nana knows how to take an ordinary afternoon and make it extra special! Nap time, story time, and playtime are transformed by fairies, dragons, dancing, and pretending -- and then mixing and fixing yummy, yummy fudge just like Nana and Mommy did not so many years ago....

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Toni Morrison and her son Slade tell a story of what really goes on when Nana is left in charge!

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Tiffany says

I'm surprised this book came with our curriculum kit and I didn't know Morrison wrote children's books. I loooove this story. It was something the kids related to and there were many opportunities for my students to make personal connections. Also love the illustration.

Anthony says

A fun, fun story moved by fascinating rhythm!

The Library Lady says

I didn't expect to be impressed by the text of this book--and I wasn't. Just because you're a big name writer of adult books doesn't mean you can write kids books--and Toni Morrison should stick to what she's good at.

What IS wonderful about this book are the exuberant pictures of white haired grandma (who is surprisingly spry for her apparent years) having a grand old time with her grandkids. And the final pages as mom comes back and discovers what the kids and Grandma have been up to are warm and funny.

So enjoy the pictures, ignore the text and hope that Joe Cepeda either gets a better children's author to illustrate for next time, or does another book of his own!

SaraLaLa says

Mom goes out for the day and leaves grandma in charge of the 3 kids, complete with instructions for the day. Needless to say, those directions get figuratively thrown out the window and they have a blast. Mom comes home, sees the house is a big mess and is temporarily annoyed until she sees that they've made peanut butter fudge and fondly reminisces her childhood. The end.

This story is told with loads of rhyme and repetition. The illustrations are cute, cartoony and brightly colored. But the best feature by far is the recipe for the Peanut Butter Fudge. I haven't tried it, but I plan on it. I hope it's good! If I remember, I'll update this review once we've made it. :)

Erica says

This book was so sweet and beautiful it almost tugged some tears out of me. A loving culturally relevant text for our young African-American readers.

Amy Oberts says

"Peeny Butter Fudge" is a multi-generational tale that is sure to entertain young listeners/readers. Its engaging rhymes and captivating illustrations--along with the relatable joy that comes from being spoiled by one's grandma--makes this book a joy to read aloud.

Dergrossest says

The author obviously dialed-in this drivel. I composed better poetry in the 4th grade. Pass.

Marlene says

A rhyming story of how one grandmother takes care of her grandchildren, forgets the rules, schedule, and everything else mother asks her to do. Only to have a rip roaring day filled with smiles and love and a little bit of peeny butter fudge.

Tami says

A sweet, lovely story that will also resonate in the nostalgia department for a lot of adults.

The story is that of children left with their Grandmother while Mom is gone for the day. In the opening illustration we see Mom has left a schedule (and menu) on the refrigerator. Nana, of course, makes sure the children are well-cared for but branches off into her own activities and food choices.

The entire story is about the special love and bond that exist between grandparents and grandchildren. With fewer discipline worries and responsibilities there is a freedom on both sides of the grandparent relationship to let go a little bit of the regular rules (biscuits, ham and lemonade for lunch instead of the fishsticks, peas and carrot sticks on Mom's list)and revel in the pure enjoyment of being together.

For me it brought back memories first of my Grandfather (gone these past 5 years) jumping rope with us and my father shaking his head and saying his father never did that with him, and then of my father with my children at the MN STate Fair buying them more ride tickets in a single afternoon than he purchased for my sister and I in all our childhood years combined.

Jon Cepeda's bold, colorful illustrations mirror the joy of the text. When Nana makes Peeny Butter Fudge with the children I see my mother baking cakes and cookies with my children. The recipe at the end of the book for the Peeny Butter Fudge suggests that this story is interwoven in the lives of Toni Morrison and her son Slade in the same way it intertwined with my memories when i read it.

A young reader will delight in identifying the Nana of the story with his or her own grandparent relationship. This story is undiluted joy for young and old alike.

Beth Parmer says

Happy story of Nana and the grandkids having fun together. Rhyming book with just a few spots where rhythm seems tricky.

Ambree says

I loved this book. It made me nostalgic about the days I spent with my grandmother as a child. I loved all of the spur of the moment fun and activities provided by their grandmother in this story.

Scooping it Up says

My kids laughed their heads off at this true-to-life rhyming tale of a Grandma who blatantly ignores mom's schedule and does whatever she wants while babysitting.

Luckily, my kids have two loving, helpful Grandmas who love when I am not there so they can do things "the fun way."

The illustrations are hysterical and despite a language barrier with two of my kids, it was VERY obvious what was happening and the children related, and found it delightful.

We are going to try the recipe included for Peeny Butter Fudge. A fun, unexpected gem from one of my favorite authors, Toni Morrison.

Maegen says

Cutest story ever!

Melissa says

Grandmas ❤

Sam Bloom says

I'm really sort of starting to hate rhyming picture books; unless it is well-done, the rhymes can be really cloying and overly cutesy, like they are in this book. Sort of surprising, considering it's Toni Morrison, for crying out loud.

