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Spending time with Grandpa is always fun.
Singling, laughing, eating, and playing.
And when it's time to say goodbye,
It won't be for long because
He's never too far away to have tea.

In this sweetly simple, rhyming picture book by acclaimed author/artist Barney Saltzberg, a little girl tells us about her daily tea ritual with her grandfather where they sing and laugh and clink their teacups with the help of their computers and a video chat.

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Dewey says

This book is so sweet, and the ending got me good--adorable. This would be great for a storytime, and it's short enough to read with younger kids.

Tori says

I need to come up with a tea party storytime especially so that I can use this book for it. Adorable, rhyming, wonderful. Definitely going to use this one someday!

Lara says

A simple story, good for story times. A nice balance to books which always show grandparents physically present. Especially good story in a military community, where nobody lives near family.

babyhippoface says

The little girl and her grandpa share tea time every day at 3:00. The last spread of the book reveals they are not actually together; they are using the computer to Skype or Facetime. It's nice to see the portrayal of an older person using technology.

Kenneth says

A far to frequent reality that many children don't live close to family members. Many folks are not invested into a people and place. While there is much to be thankful for with technology and being able to have video chats with those far away. I wonder if we have fooled ourselves into thinking the image on the screen is real. Physical contact with a real human being is irreplaceable. Use the tech as needed but seek to replace with reality of flesh and blood as much as possible.

Becky says

First sentence: Every day at half past three...Me and Grandpa. Time for Tea. I can pour so carefully. Grandpa holds his cup for me.

Premise/plot: What you see is what you get...or is it?! Every day a little girl and her grandpa have tea together. The book shares what they do every day at tea time: tell stories, laugh and joke, sing and dance.

What the book waits a while to reveal....is....that the grandpa and the little girl are not "together" for tea time. They are communicating via computer.

My thoughts: I enjoyed this one. I love the illustrations. So simple yet so emotionally genuine or expressive. I like the message that you don't have to be in the same room with someone to be with them in spirit. There are many ways to stay in touch with your loved ones. This tea-time ritual being one way to stay connected.

Text: 4 out of 5

Illustrations: 4 out of 5

Total: 8 out of 10

Jack & Lily Wills says

Very cute - it was a three star book until the end! :)

Maria Marshall says

Delightful story of the joy of sharing a daily cup of tea with a beloved grandfather, with an unexpected twist ending.

Kristina says

Hmm, I wish the text didn't rhyme, but it's an awfully cute read.

Franki Sibberson says

Great conversations for the beginning of the school year--ways to communicate and connect:-)

Michelle says

Great modern day twist at the end!

Gail Gauthier says

"This seems pretty much a surface story. Then the last page comes. I, for one, never saw it coming. Very neat and contemporary ending."

Excerpt from Original Content.

Naomi says

I love the simplicity and heart of this book. I've given it as a gift to grandparents who live far away from their grandchildren.

Sue Mosher says

Loved this! A little girl meets everyday with her Grandpa for tea, in a way that lots of today's kids will relate to.

Amandasaved says

This book's ending will wreck you if you are home sick.

This book has short dialogue and animations that look similar to those of the 1990's cartoon "Doug", however it is a sweet story.
