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Now available in board book, *You're Here for a Reason*, from national-bestselling and beloved author Nancy Tillman, takes a universal truth and makes it accessible for readers young and old.

Not only are we loved, but we also matter. In this tender and timeless read-along book, Tillman reminds us of this message in beautiful illustrations as children and animals interact with acts of kindness.

*You're here for a reason. If you think you're not  
I would just say that perhaps you forgot . . .  
a piece of the world that is precious and dear would surely be missing if you weren't here.*

*If not for your smile and your laugh and your heart  
this place we call home would be minus a part.*

*Thank goodness you're here!  
Thank goodness times two!  
I just can't imagine a world without you.*

## You're Here for a Reason Details

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## **From Reader Review You're Here for a Reason for online ebook**

### **Renée Paule says**

Beautiful message!

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### **B.P. says**

Interesting graphic design - illustrations are a collage of photoshopped images and paintings/drawings

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### **Erin says**

It was amazing

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### **Rachel says**

Nice sentiment

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### **Amanda says**

Ok, don't hate me for thinking that while these books by this author are very beautiful and have lovely messages, some of the pictures are slightly...creepy. Sorry. But there it is. Will read this to Madam though because of the message and because she will like the animals.

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### **Claire Holloway says**

I loved this book - I don't know why I have not read this book until now! This book contains a very important message that each person is important and that they are valued. The use of direct address helps make this book more personal to involve the reader to make them think this book is about them. This book should be used in schools, particularly in lessons such as PHSE, to show children that each of them is important and that the world would be a different place - and not the same - without them. This book reminded me of Dr Seuss' 'Oh the Places You'll Go' as it rhymes and has a similar message. I would recommend this book to both children and adults.

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### **Brittney says**

This book is brilliant. It is inspirational and purposeful - connecting the reader to a moment of reflection on

the importance of being here, alive in the world. Furthermore, this book rhymes poetically. The story also makes culturally connections as "kindness" is spread all over the world. I want to read this book to my classroom at the start of every year - no matter the grade level. It speaks a beautiful message and can softly bring comfort to individuals going through uneasy times.

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### **Rachel says**

PreS-Gr 2- Tillman's latest addresses the struggle we have with the idea of "purpose". She speaks in the voice of a parent to their child, repeating "you're here for a reason", explaining that good things happen to others because of you. Her answer to life's question may be unsatisfactory or too simple for some, nevertheless, she fashions it into an encouraging sentiment that gives peace of mind. To evoke this sense, Tillman illustrates children mingling with animals in a vibrantly coloured, dreamlike realm. As usual, her characteristic, almost photographic digital and mixed-media paintings, compliments her soothing cadence and beautiful rhyme. Goodwill spreads from page to page in the shape of a kite and a ball, showing how actions affect the world. Tillman frames her lovely poem with the idea of a puzzle, starting by saying it in writing, and ending by depicting the globe as one. It may not be obvious, but every person is a piece required to form the whole. VERDICT If you've bought her books in the past, you'll want to get this one as well; another ideal bedtime story for a child and guardian to share.

\*reviewed for School Library Journal

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### **Gail says**

A beautiful message on the last day of the year! So maybe I'm cheating a bit by reading a children's book to complete my Goodreads Challenge, but I have a good excuse, which is also the reason I came to own this book: I had a baby boy in November! This title was gifted to us by a dear friend who also became a mother this year. What a wonderful life. We're all special. Here's to good things in 2018!

(Also cool that this is the 200th book I've added on here.)

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### **Carrie says**

It's sappy. It's mushy. But I really liked this Tillman book. Sometimes grow-ups need to hear this, too!

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### **Madison Persinger says**

I think this book is a great book for everyone, not just children to read. Everyone needs reminders on why they are so important to the world and this book does just that. The rhyming allows it to flow for children understanding and the pictures are light, but still portray the deeper meaning of the book.

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### **Kandice Buck says**

This book is about how special you are to the world. It talks about how you are here for a reason. It is a great book to read when encouraging students to not give up and follow their dreams. This is a wonderful book to have in the classroom to show that every student is important in their own way to the teacher.

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### **Erica says**

This picture book is a perfect read for everyone. The message that it contains in beautiful poetry shows that we, each and everyone of us, has purpose and meaning and that we all are important in the world.

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### **Liza Nahas says**

Love! Love! Love! Generally Nancy Tillman is my go-to for baby gifts, but this one works for various levels & ages. I will be reading it to my 10year old daughter.

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### **Kelly Brown says**

As a foster parent of a pre-adoptive little boy I found myself getting teary eyed reading this beautiful book in the aisle of Walmart. The words are sweet and melodic; and while it is wordy, my non-stop, no attention span, almost 3-year-old can sit through the whole book at bed time. In my situation, having children stay for a long time or a short time, this book will hopefully let them know it's okay to have bad days, they're meant to be where they are, and they are loved deeply at this very moment. Thank you Nancy Tillman for offering this gift to a foster parent who is always looking for different ways to let each child know how special they are when they come to our home.

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