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Celebrate the unlimited potential of an empty box! A picture book that doubles as the perfect present for preschoolers

What's better than getting a brand-new toy as a birthday gift? Playing with the box it came in! Climb in for a flight across the ocean, a jaunt on a sailing ship, some sledding down a slippery slope, and, of course, a brief stint as a robot. Good thing the toy dog that came inside the box is happy to come along for the ride! The inimitable Leslie Patricelli draws from the well of parental wit and wisdom for her very first picture book adventure, starring everyone's favorite baby character.

The Birthday Box Details

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From Reader Review The Birthday Box for online ebook

Destiny Dawn Long says

I borrowed this from the library on my daughter's birthday, because one of her favorite toys is a big cardboard box. So it seemed appropriate.

It was a cute little story and I could relate to the sentiment behind it. It shows kids how a simple object can become many things through the power of imagination. And if your kid has read other Patricelli books before, they'll be familiar with the main character.

kim says

another cute one from Patricelli!

Kai Sharma says

Cute book that demonstrates the wonders of a simple cardboard box.

Sarah says

I really like this book. I read it with a group of two-year-olds and their caregivers. For that group, it was not quite as much fun as "Not a Box" by Portis, but it was still a very good fit, and I personally really enjoyed the book. The ending is especially sweet, and the illustrations really add to the fun flavor of the book.

Jennifer says

Leslie Patricelli makes excellent books for toddlers and this is no exception.

Read for birthday themed toddler storytime in January 2019.

April Thompson says

Perfect representation of every kid that has ever gotten a present.. They are enthralled with the box! I myself had the pleasure of owning a refrigerator box that I turned into a lovely cottage around the age of five. Thanks Uncle Luby!

June says

It's a baby's birthday and s/he gets a present. "It's a box." S/he stands on it, hugs it, hides behind it... Something's in it. A doggy. They get in the box and have some adventures. The story ends by eating birthday cake in it and then taking a nap in the box.

One little girl was quite taken with it and took it to look at. 1/16/13

Had a fan for PJ Story Time so I read this to keep her off the ELC. 1/20/15

Used again for lap time and it went over well with children, (one toddler was so excited she kept standing up whenever I turned the page) and caregivers (several snickers).

Used again for birthday lap time program

Milton Moon Louie says

Fun with a box! B

Paula says

An imaginative young child has a wonderful time playing with a box he receives for his birthday. What's better than getting a brand-new toy as a birthday gift? Playing with the box it came in! Climb in for a flight across the ocean, a jaunt on a sailing ship, some sledding down a slippery slope, and, of course, a brief stint as a robot. Good thing the toy dog that came inside the box is happy to come along for the ride! The inimitable Leslie Patricelli draws from the well of parental wit and wisdom for her very first picture book adventure, starring everyone's favorite baby character.

Kimberly says

This is not my favorite Leslie Patricelli book, but it's cute.

Vivian says

I love all the Patricelli board books. They're fun for both the adult reader and the baby listener/looker. This little book celebrates birthdays (be sure to sing "happy birthday, dear baby" and pretend your finger is a candle and "blow it out" and pretend to tear gift wrap off a box), boxes, and imagination.

Archit Ojha says

Who would not love to get a box on their birthday which can be used to sleep and snuggle and play!

This board book is full of cute illustrations and fun.

Lindsay says

Since the Stanislaus County Library system was celebrating 100 years this year, the theme of this year's Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros celebration was birthdays . A co-worker and I performed a special bilingual story time in which we acted out all of the stories and used fun props. My co-worker and I did this story in English. She was the baby, and I played the dog (I also handed my co-worker other props).

In this story, a little boy gets a special gift and imagines all kinds of fun things he can do with the gift. It's very cute!

Alyssa Gudenburr says

A funny book about a child being more excited about the box than the actual present.

Shauna says

I love this fun adventure book! Most little kids wants to play with the box or wrapping g paper instead of the gift inside.

Sturdy board book with cute illustrations and text.
