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Warton straps on his skis to visit his Aunt Toolia, who lives on the other side of the woods. But a hungry owl interrupts the tiny toad's journey and vows to eat Warton for his birthday dinner. Can Warton convince the owl to change his mind? Here's a story filled with warmth and humor that's just right for fans of the "Hugh Pine" books and perfect for reading aloud.

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Srividhya Gopalakrishnan says

Great read for the kids...

Shannon Smith says

We just finished the last page a few minutes ago, and the first thing my little boys said was "Is there another book. There has to be another book!" They were disappointed when I didn't immediately answer in the affirmative. I have no clue. This was a great recommendation if you're looking for a short, engaging read aloud. It would also double as a great beginning chapter book once your little one is ready to move past easy readers. The only downside to using this book in that way is that there aren't, in fact, any chapter divisions (at least not in the original 1974 edition). Still, I heartily recommend it, particularly for those who are looking forward to introducing their little ones to "The Wind in the Willows." This would be a great book to start to build their interest in stories centered around the friendships of woodland creatures. ;)

Shanna Gonzalez says

Warton the toad, undeterred by the dangerous winter weather, determines to visit his Aunt Toolia to bring her some of his brother Morton's delicious beetle brittle. He fashions skis and sallies forth, only to be captured by a dour owl who determines to eat him as a special treat on his upcoming birthday. As the days count down, Warton's kindness toward his captor causes the owl to question whether he really wants to eat the animal who has become his only friend. The story culminates in a dramatic rescue -- but not the one the reader anticipates.

Warton the Toad is courteous and helpful to others, and he keeps his environment orderly. He brings a friendly conviviality to the lonely owl's table by lighting candles and serving tea, even in the face of his impending death. His courage, ingenuity and generosity commend him as a hero that young listeners will want to identify with.

This delightful story situates itself somewhere between The Frog and Toad Collection Box Set (I Can Read Book 2) Frog and Toad All Year / Frog and Toad Are Friends / Frog and Toad Together and The Wind in the Willows in reading level. It has a wider vocabulary than most picture books or easy readers, and makes an excellent read-aloud for young listeners just transitioning into chapter books.

Stacy says

This is such a cute book! Two toad brothers, Morton and Warton, live together very cozily. One winter evening, Warton decides to take some food to their auntie. On the way, he is caught by an owl who wants to eat him the following Tuesday. Throughout the book they start to become friends and at the end Warton saves the owl (and doesn't get eaten!). I think if your child likes the Frog and Toad books your child would

like this book.

Sydnee Hulse says

What a sweet book! This book teaches about friendship, trust, bravery, and much more. It tells a story of two unlikely friends, a toad, and an owl. The toad, Warton is on his way, in the snow, to bring his Aunt some beetle brittle when an owl swoops him up. The owl, who Warton calls George, plans to eat Warton next Tuesday. You see, next Tuesday is George's birthday. During this week, an interesting friendship slowly starts to form. I do not want to give away the ending, but it is so sweet it made me cry! It was a great book and I am going to keep it in my book list for future classrooms.

Christina says

Delightful and tender book. We loved this story of a toad who lives as an owl's prisoner for a week. There are more books about this particular toad by Erickson, but we have yet to find them at the library. Still looking. . .

Britney Nguyen says

This book is a great book, the reason why closed it is because the title. "A toad for Tuesday", I usually like titles that have some interesting events in the story. A toad for Tuesday gets me into a mood that is excitement, and much more. I can't really describe it that well, but it's a great book. The title gives me a feeling that an owl would eat a toad, on Tuesday. There has to be a reason why the owl would eat the toad on Tuesday. It was actually the owl's birthday. Titles do get picked, and chosen, and sometimes made by-self, for a reason, and part of the title, is the main problem in the story. Once more, this would be a great book for everyone to read.

Joann Carol says

One of my all-time favorite longer read-aloud books for 3rd graders. Wharton is a very resourceful toad who deals creatively with adversity. Ultimately he learns the power of friendship in a humorous and suspenseful story. I loved sharing with my grandson as I had loved sharing it with my students years ago.

Leah says

I remember loving Russell Erickson books as a child and when I found this in perfect condition at a thrift store, I had to buy it. I've read it to my five year old and he has been captivated by the story. He hangs on every word and is anticipating what's to come next. It makes me so happy to share this story with him and to feel the same excitement he's now experiencing. I hope this is something that he will one day share with his children.

Janice Bolick says

Really cute.

Miriam says

Like the next reading level Frog and Toad!

Ellen says

What a great book! Warton the toad sets off on a journey to visit his aunt, and he gets caught by an owl who plans to save him for his birthday on Tuesday. Warton decides to be friendly with the owl in an attempt to save his life? What happens? Read the book to find out! I really enjoyed this book, it was sweet and had a happy ending.

Sarah Sammis says

A Toad for Tuesday is one of four books we picked up on our trip to Oregon back in February. As Sean is enamored with owls we both agreed this looked like a good book for him. I was immediately drawn to it for Lawrence di Fiori's illustrations. They are reminiscent of Arnold Lobel's Frog and Toad series and his Owl at Home book.

The story is one of an unlikely friendship and redemption. Warton Toad finds himself the prisoner of an owl who plans to save him for his birthday dinner on the upcoming Tuesday. In that time Warton tries to make his remaining days as pleasant as possible while he either convinces the owl to let him go or he finds a way to escape.

What neither character expects is to actually enjoy the company of the other. The owl comes to enjoy his conversations over tea with Warton and Warton realizes the owl's tree house can be homey once it is given a well needed spring cleaning.

Both characters change and grow over the course of this 64 page story. The book thankfully ends without giving a summary moral at the end.

Karen says

Really sweet book about friendship...krb 11/28/18

Catie says

Oh my goodness. We could not put this book down! I read it in two or three sittings with my girls! (Ages 4 and 6) It's a great story about a toad who wants to take some Beetle Brittle to his Aunt Toolia in the winter. On his way he encounters an owl which is where the story gets interesting! I highly recommend this book for anyone under 10. And adults of course. ;)
