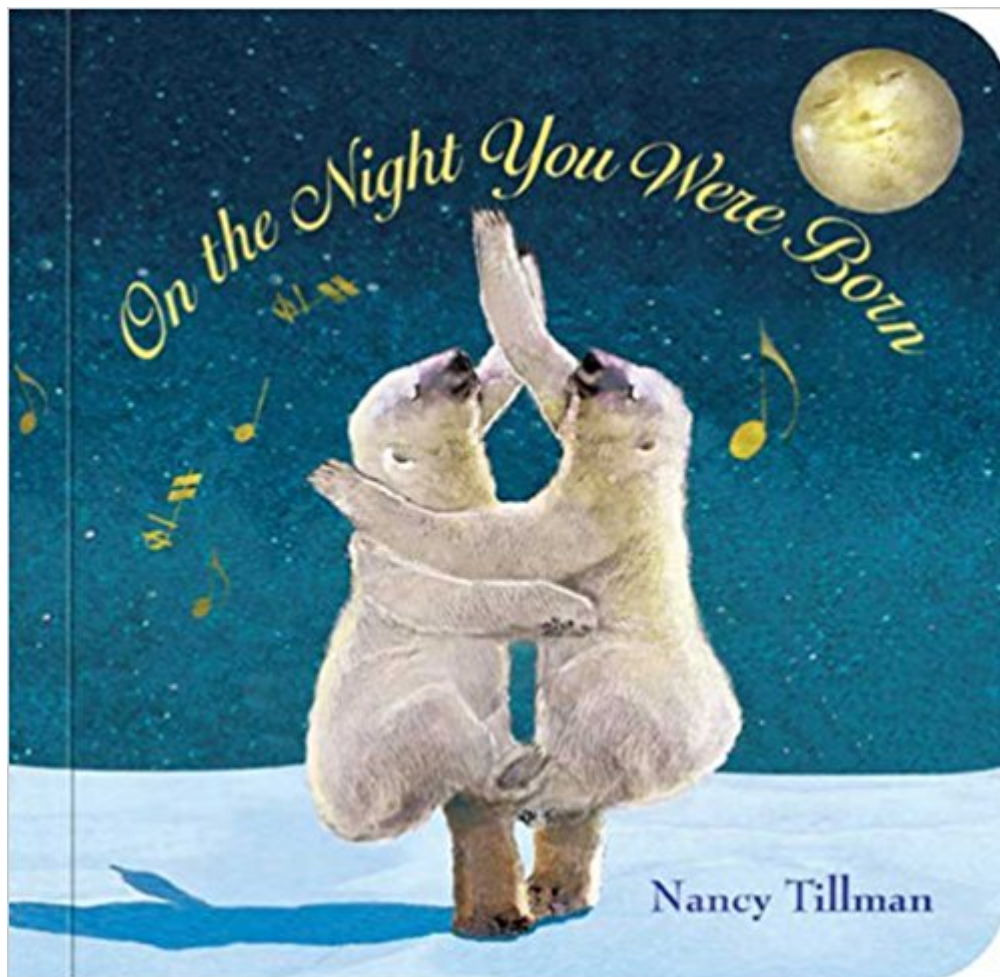


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On The Night You Were Born



Synopsis

On the night you were born, you brought wonder and magic to the world. The moon stayed up till morning. Polar bears danced. Here is a book that celebrates the one and only ever you! Now available in its entirety in board book format, Nancy Tillman's masterpiece is perfect for acknowledging the special people in our lives that they are loved.

Book Information

Lexile Measure: 590 (What's this?)

Board book: 32 pages

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Age Range: 1 - 4 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

Customer Reviews

The birth of a baby "the one and only ever you" causes jubilation throughout creation in this quietly celebratory picture book from newcomer Tillman. Polar bears dance, giraffes weave to the sound of brass horns, and "the moon smiled with such wonder/ that the stars peeked in to see you/ and the night wind whispered,/ 'Life will never be the same.' " Tillman successfully sidesteps the soft-focus sappiness that can accompany this genre. Her writing has the authenticity of whispered conversation; occasionally, she pauses in her exaltations of the baby to address the subject directly: "I think I'll count to three so you can wiggle your toes for me." Her strong, assured paintings truly set this book apart. The pictures subtly radiate golden glints of moonlight, and her almost sculptural rendering style gives her characters a hefty physicality that counterbalances the ethereal sentiments being expressed. Although one suspects that grown-ups will be most taken with

the topic and treatment, this is one of those rare baby books that should make both skeptics and sentimentalists of all ages happy. All ages. (Oct.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Kindergarten-Grade 2 • Rhyming text extols and celebrates the uniqueness of a newborn. "Because there had never been anyone like you • ever in the world." As the news of the birth travels, creatures around the world celebrate. "When the polar bears heard, they danced until dawn." "the geese flew home." "Heaven blew every trumpet • ." The text sits on white pages opposite large, richly colored illustrations. The moon appears in all of the paintings • as reassuring as the text's sentiment. Golden musical notes float across the sky as white polar bears dance and giraffes sway to the sounds of the moon's saxophone. The dark blue night skies make a beautiful and dramatic setting for this special night. The painterly art and poetic quality of the text make this an attractive book. Parents and grandparents are most likely to appreciate it, but they will undoubtedly want to share it with a child. • Carolyn Janssen, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, OH Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

I gave this book to my daughter Christmas of 2011. At the time, she was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer at age 30. I was led to this book because it said so many things about her birth and life I felt. I also felt I would not share another Christmas with her on this earth. This is the anniversary of her death. She died on Sept.8, 2012. I felt my heart stop beating the moment hers did. Before she died, she told me how much she loved this simple book, especially the part about my love finding her wherever she would go. I reminded her of that when I held her hand in the hospital as she took her last breath. This book speaks volumes to the love a mother has for her child.

I love this book. I have 6 grandchildren and everyone has a copy. I give it as a gift for every new baby.

Love this! I'm so glad I got the board book this time around. I've been reading this to my boys since the youngest was still an infant. I had the hard cover version and the more they started running around the more they got this book and several pages from the old one had been ripped. This board book is high quality and the FULL version of the original story. I definitely recommend it and also purchased the recordable version.

The most amazing children's books I have ever read. I've been reading to my baby since she was in my tummy and she truly loves these books as well. She will soon be 3 years young and we're enjoying adding all of Nancy Tillman's books to her book collection. As a mommy, they will make you cry with the love in the beautiful words. What an amazing author! I've even purchased a book as a welcome baby gift for a friend.

This book is amazing in every way, but one thing that is particularly noteworthy to me is THE WAY IT IS WRITTEN- the WORD CHOICE AND RHYTHM- are PHENOMENALLY SOOTHING. We own tons of popular bedtime story books and this book is unique in that it ALWAYS, without fail, CALMS our 14 month old son (even when he's in a strange place and really upset, not wanting to fall asleep in his pack-n-play). I have yet to come across another book with the same careful selection in word choice, timing and rhythm. As if this weren't enough of a reason to own this book, the content and illustrations are out of this world. This book is in a class all its own- for our household, it's a staple item. All of the books authored by Nancy Tillman (watch out, some books she only illustrates and the content/writing is disappointing compared to the books she authors) are amazing and soothing, but this one is by far the very best. (we own them all- even the ones she illustrated).

Purchased used, and the condition was quite poor; stains, sticky pages. The story, however, is my favorite. I plan to purchase new so my daughter can keep into adulthood. Very sweet, positive, beautiful...something to be treasured through the years. The condition reflects on the seller, not the book itself. It is a feel-good book, not too sappy or emotional. There is a reference to "Heaven" which might not be appropriate for certain families.

This is my absolute favorite book to read to my little one. I actually bought it for my fiance's birthday so he can read it to the baby and the first time he read it, he teared up. It's quite sweet. We've read it to him every night since we bought it and I believe it helps him fall asleep now. It's soothing. It's got a great flow to it. The pictures are beautiful. I like that the pages are thick because they will take longer to ruin. I recommend this to every parent, but especially new parents. It will quickly become part of your nighttime bed routine.

Nancy Tillman writes the most inspirational children's books! As an adult I have some just for myself because they are so beautiful. The Heaven of Animals is the perfect gift for someone who has lost a

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