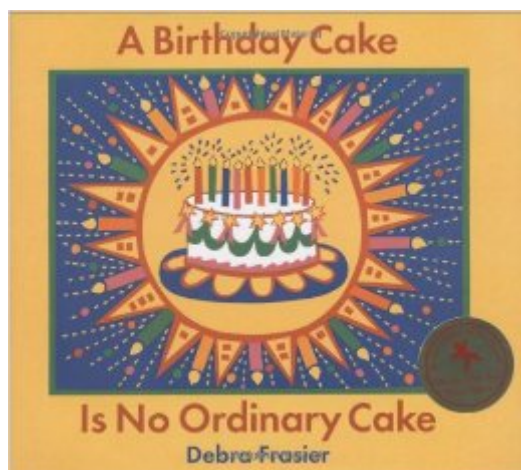


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# A Birthday Cake Is No Ordinary Cake



## Synopsis

Welcome aboard our spinning Earth as it travels on its immense journey around the Sun. Bring a bowl--and come along! Help collect the ingredients for a cake as big as a year, and see how every circle around the Sun . . . equals one. One what? One birthday cake! For fifteen years, *On the Day You Were Born* has been the classic book to welcome new babies into the world. Now, this jubilant companion celebrates every year thereafter in the life of a child--and of our great green planet Earth. Includes delicious cake and frosting recipes, explanations of how the years are marked in nature, and a section called "How many days to your birthday?" so kids can actually find their own special day.

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

*A Birthday Cake Is No Ordinary Cake* is a cake recipe, science lesson, appealing children's book, and perfect birthday gift all rolled into one. I really enjoyed it. Debra Frasier's colorful illustrations seem to jump right off the page. The book unfolds as an interactive cake recipe listing all the things that you will need to collect in one year to make a birthday cake, including the first sunrise after your birthday and continuing through an entire year of natural phenomenon. Children learn about the seasons and about the earth's rotation around the sun while celebrating all the fun of birthdays and cakes. Kids love this book, and best of all it's perfect for bringing to birthday parties.

Once again, Debra Frasier has combined a vibrant portrayal of a child's sense of magical possibility with useful and insightful lessons about our amazing world. Like *On the Day You Were Born*, this book reminds young readers that their lives are part of the grand and important movements of the universe. And like *Miss Alaineus*, this book teaches us all that fun and insight are often a matter of how you see things. Hats off to Debra Frasier for another wonderful book.

It has become our second and third grade class's birthday tradition for me to read this book to the birthday child. At this point in the year (March) the class has heard the book multiple times. They love to chime in with Debra Frasier's short, poetic sentences. They also pipe in when it's their "entering spot" during the cycle of seasons. We make a birthday book for the child to take home that is based on the vivid illustrations. It's been a wonderful way to honor the birthday child. Love it.

This is a great book to illustrate what a year is to a small child. My children are in a Montessori preschool and this book went so well with the birthday celebration done in their school. They begin the celebration with a picture of the child at birth and then the child holds a model of the earth and walks around a model of the sun. After 1 full rotation, they stop and talk about the child at age 1. Then walk around again for every year of life. This book talks about how it takes the earth one full year to go around the sun and after it does, you get to make a birthday cake. It is done in a kid friendly manner with great pictures!

If you are searching for the one spectacular book for celebrating birthdays, there isn't just one, there are zillions. In *A Birthday Cake Is No Ordinary Cake*, you will find the appeal of a cake making recipe, lessons in science, and just the sheer excitement of an interactive experience. You will come to appreciate the interactive cake recipe that lists all the ingredients needed for the cake, even including the first sunrise of your birthday day, the excitement of anticipating the events, and the joy-filled expressions on the birthday person's face. Whether you are a child, a teenager, a parent, or an old friend, you will all wait in anticipation as to how this extravaganza is accomplished on this special day; you will experience your "joie de vivre", joy of living, and make it through all the challenges and activities that a well-planned birthday holds. You will long remember this special day, and will want to do it again, and again, and again.....for each other. A birthday doesn't have to be a fiasco with chaos and craziness; you can control the events of this special day, if you make it simple and take the time to prepare and execute the plan for a wonderful day! Get in there, get this

book, and get this birthday on your calendar, and....."Have a Happy Birthday!"

Birthdays are special in our house. This will be a fun book to use for young and old alike. We plan to try out the recipe -- looks like a good one.

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