I Like You

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Synopsis
Here is the book that Romeo would have given Juliet, Charlie Brown would have given Snoopy, and you can give to some very special friend. This special book expresses the true meaning of friendship in a long list of ways with charming accompanying illustrations.

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Customer Reviews
I was given this book when I graduated high school, and I kept it with me all through college. I would sometimes read it aloud to friends in my dorm and when it came time for college graduation, I got an amazing surprise. My best friend "stole" the book from my room, and armed with a video camera, videotaped people who were special to me each reading a passage from the book and relating memories of our college years. That was almost 10 years ago. My best friend is now about to have a baby, and I am going to make sure it is the first book my little "niece" or "nephew" gets. It is a simple, unsappy, silly, and timeless reminder that friends are to be cherished, and the person who is willing to be a "goofus on the roofus" with you is a special pal indeed.

I LIKE YOU is a perfect little gift for anyone you hold close and dear to your heart. Warburg captures the essence of those few, important relationships in our lives that need no explanation, that fill us with warmth and provide us with unconditional support. The book is graced with delightful
illustrations and Warburg’s wonderful childlike verses such as this...I like you because if I think I am
going to throw up then you are really sorryYou don’t just pretend you are busy looking at the birdies
and all that.You say maybe it was something you ate.You say the same thing happened to me
sometime.And the same thing did! Just gave this book to my three closest girlfriends, as it perfectly
sums up our relationships:I like you because because because! forget why I like you But I do

many reasons

I was given this book as a child but it wasn’t until I read it as an adult that I realized how special it is.
Its perfect as a gift for friends, family, that special someone, or for yourself when you’re feeling
down. I read it whenever I want to remember how simple life can be or if I need a good laugh. I think
it teaches you a lesson to live by: remember to be goofy sometimes and enjoy the silly moments in
life with the people you love, I mean really enjoy them, like you would a parade, no matter what day
it is!

My sweetheart and I are college students in Ogden Utah. One day when we had been dating for
about a year, we were cleaning his family’s farmhouse (where he lived alone) for a surprise visit
from his parents. As I was straightening a closet, I found a copy of Warburg’s I LIKE YOU in a box
of his mother’s keepsakes from her college days, an apparent gift from a roommate. I walked into the
kitchen where he was furiously mopping, leant against the stove, and began to read the book aloud
to him. At first we laughed, but by the end we were almost in tears— it fit us so well! I told a friend
about the book and she ended up finding it and giving it to me for a gift; it has meant so much to me
since. My sweetheart and I are getting married in a few months and we will display it and a short
version of this story for our guests along with other pictures and objects which have meant
something special to our relationship. If you have a close friend or sweetheart with whom you share
a fun and close relationship, this book would make a very sweet and sentimental gift. But as far as
I’m concerned Sandol Stoddard Warburg wrote it for Abel and me.Krista Beus Weber State
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I will say quite simply that having read this book I can see more clearly who it is I truly care about.
It describes friendship with an unmatched child-like simplicity that strikes the beats of every heart
that’s had a true friend. This book makes the perfect gift for anyone special in your life.

This past Christmas (2001), my boyfriend gave me this as a gift. He knew of my love for childrens
books, and got it for me. After opening the box, I immediately started to read the book quietly to myself. It was so beautiful, with such a simple message anyone of any age can appreciate and love. I was drawn to tears of happiness after reading it, I tried to shield my reaction from the room full of his family members. But they caught me with the tears of joy streaming down my face. At this point his sister read it aloud to us all and she was drawn to tears as well. This book like I said earlier, is wonderful for a significant other, or just a friend you think is special. What can I say...absolutely wonderful work here and I highly recommend it to everyone.

It's a love letter written in the form of a children's book! It's brilliant! It is totally g-rated. It is meant to be read to children, siblings, parents, best friends and lovers alike. It deals with the delights of loving a person for themselves. The last time I ordered I bought 3 copies: one for my little godson, one for his mother and one for my new husband. Over the years, I know I've bought over 20 copies. I just can't say enough about this book. It just is so beautiful and I am glad and excited for all of you out there who have yet to experience this little treasure that's finally back in print!

I was first introduced to this book when I was a counselor in training at a Girl Scout camp in Utah. It was performed as a skit at campfire every week. I was thrilled when I found out it was actually a book, when one of my camp friends gave it to me as a gift years later. Since then, I have read it together with every special friend I have. I know it by heart and often my friends and I quote from it. Especially the part about being lost in Grand Central Station...."hey where are you? "..."Here I am!"
Share it with any special friend, child or adult. Sometimes the best lessons we learn as adults, are taught through the simplicity of a child.

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