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Because Your Daddy Loves You

“Pays tribute to a father’s unconditional love and patience.”
—School Library Journal

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A day spent with a young child at the beach is filled with many minor dramas—a lost shoe, a ball that floats too far out into the water, a drippy ice-cream cone. These can be frustrating events for both child and parent, but the daddy in this book finds a way to fix each problem, lovingly and patiently. Why? Because he loves his little girl, of course! This spot-on pairing of words and images is a warm, reassuring, and humorous tribute to dads everywhere.

This is a wonderful book, not only for the loving ways the father interacts with his child, but also to serve as a gentle reminder to harried parents of other ways to be. Sometimes we all need to dig deeper into our souls to find yet another bit of patience for our children. This father reminds us how to turn away from those knee-jerk reactions to the normal needs of a child and continue to be loving, kind, generous, and helpful to our children. A beautiful, simple, poignant book!

We first checked this book out at the library, but after several times I just bought her a copy. It's a
very sweet book with simple words and familiar scenes. She can basically recite it now. When her
daddy is out of town she almost always chooses it as her bedtime story. Daddy approves and it's
one of his favorites to read to her.

I got this book as part of a father's day gift from our toddler to her daddy. The story is cute and
appropriate in our case. (There is one page that talks about when you lose your shoe your daddy
could say why didn't you put it where you could find it but instead he searches through the house for
it. Replace shoe with car keys and daughter with wife - and that is my husband's life!). There is no
mom in any of the illustrations or plot line. This book is JUST dad and daughter so it may be a nice
buy for a divorced/single dad since I see so many books that gear towards mom and dad in the
picture. Or it could just be a father/daughter outing too. Just something I noticed. All in all a nice
book about a father/daughter's day where the dad is patient and loving despite the daughter making
a few mistakes.

Every time I read this book it reminds me to be more patient and affectionate with my children.
Parents can learn as much from reading children's stories as children do. The Runaway Bunny is
the best children's story ever, but this must be the best one about a father I have ever read.

Charming little series of situations - my daughter loves to read this with me before her bedtime.
Added bonus - some of the anecdotes in the book actually made me react better to difficult
situations such as when she's throwing a tantrum to watch more TV on a Saturday morning. So a
book that my daughter loves and something to learn in it for a single dad too - that's a great twofer
from this inexpensive little book.

Sometimes fathers are made to think that they are expendable. They aren't. Fathers provide a very
significant grounding influence in a child's life and helps the child to grow into a balanced adult. This
book will delight both the father and the child because it is a book about the unconditional love of a
father for his child written for both to enjoy.

The illustrations and the text in this book are a perfect marriage; the father is so kind so loving and
so patient, makes your heart warm. Every time I get to the last page I get tears in my eyes; so
touching and so simple yet so evocative! A must for all daddies and children!

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