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The Borrowed Hanukkah Latkes (Albert Whitman Prairie Books (Paperback))



Synopsis

It's the last night of Hanukkah, and more relatives are coming than originally planned. Rachel decides to borrow potatoes from Mrs. Greenberg. She asks Mrs. Greenberg, who is all alone, to come for Hanukkah. But Mrs. Greenberg is very stubborn!

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Grade Level: 1 - 4

Customer Reviews

Our children love this book, especially our 5 year old: its one of his favorite holiday books. It's a sweet story that will keep younger children interested; as much as its about Hanukkah, its mainly about giving. Highly recommended for non-Jewish families who want to expose their children to Hanukkah as well; its about coming together at a holiday and doesn't focus on the weightier aspects of religion.

Every year I look for Chanukah books for my daughter. This year she is 3 1/2 and is listening to chapter books, so I wanted to get her a Chanukah story that was a bit more involved than the simple board books we have gotten in the past. This is a sweet story with beautiful pictures. I love that it is about Chanukah yet it's not simply telling the story of Chanukah, explaining the candles, etc. Instead, it's a story that just happens to take place around Chanukah time. In a society where Christmas is everywhere, it's refreshing to read a story about a family celebrating Chanukah. We

also bought "Mrs. Greenberg's Messy Hanukkah" which is about the same family and is also a terrific book.

This book will become one of my Hanukkah favorites. I thought it was really a moving story and believe that my students will love it. I am not Jewish and don't have any Jewish students but teaching and learning about Hanukkah as well as other winter holidays is a great way to build understanding and tolerance. The Hannukkah unit is definitely a favorite.

Who can say 'no' to a child, especially during the holidays? Rachel's persistence brings joy to young and old alike, as she borrows all the ingredients necessary for a happy holiday from an elderly neighbor ... including the use of her house!

My four-year-old enjoyed this sweet story about a young girl including her neighbor into a family celebration.

Excellent sweet book! Cute illustrations, and the storyline is charming. This is not *just* a Jewish book - the themes in this book include thoughtfulness, kindness, cleverness, and looking out for others (esp. the elderly); they just happen to be placed in a Hanukkah plot line. Anyone and everyone should buy this book.

This is a story set during Hanukkah, not about Hanukkah. Very sweet, embodies Jewish values, and a great message for kids of any faith. Without being preachy. Story outline: There is a little girl whose family has planned a Hanukkah celebration. The guest list keeps growing, and the little girl goes next door to borrow several needed items. The neighbor is an older lady who is generous throughout, but declines several invitations to join the party so as not to be a bother. In the end, the little girl finds a way to bring the party to her. Everyone is happy.

Okay... maybe I am a bit hormonal today, but I just read this story to my two children and got all teary eyed. What a lovely story about family, sharing, and community. My husband is Jewish, I am Catholic- so I try to include a diversity of holiday books this time of year. This is one of my new favorites:-) And there is a recipe for latkes that we will be trying this afternoon!

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