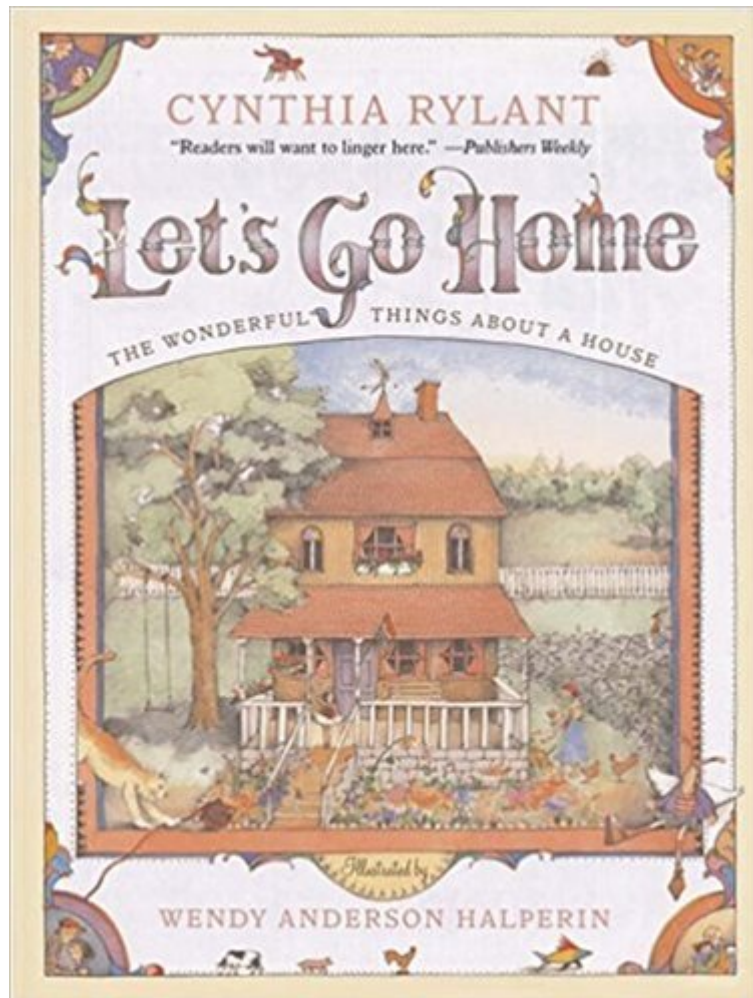




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Let's Go Home: The Wonderful Things About A House



Synopsis

The Wonderful Things About A House

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Customer Reviews

In an oversize yet cozy-looking picture book, Rylant and Halperin explore the components of a home that could easily serve as a setting for this pair's Cobble Street Cousins series. Rylant quickly gets to the heart of her subject: "No matter the kind of house, it is the living inside that makes it wonderful." From there, she conducts readers onto the front porch, over the threshold and into various rooms. In the living room, "there is usually a big sofa," and maybe a fireplace in front of which "husbands and wives who have been married a long time will spend the evening reading or sewing or simply being quiet together." The kitchen is "the room that reminds people to look after each other." And bedrooms "shelter us from the world like no other rooms can." While the author speaks thoughtfully and in general terms about the feelings that rooms conjure for many people, the illustrator focuses on one particular multigenerational family and the colorful lives they lead in their comfortably cluttered house. Halperin's watercolorssometimes featuring multiple snapshot-like scenes of the same room on one pagebrim with idiosyncratic details suggestive of the inhabitants' personalities. Even when the text approaches preciousness ("The smell of cookies makes every person as nice as he can be"), the note of welcome sounds clearly. Readers will want to linger here.

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reSchool-K-Describing the individual rooms in a house, Rylant moves from porch to attic, stopping by the living room, kitchen, bathroom, and bedrooms in between. In a quiet, warm mood, the narrative delineates the gestures and activities of a multigenerational household. Halperin brings a multitude of details to life using a pastel palette of gold, green, peach, and rose. Attractive spot art picks up one item from a room, such as a hanging basket from the porch or a teapot from the kitchen, as a visual clue for readers. The love of reading is apparent-books appear throughout the dwelling. This title is similar to Daniele Bour's *The House from Morning to Night* (Kane Miller, 1998), which chronicles each hour of the day. Because there will be something new to discover in the art with subsequent read-ings, children will repeatedly choose this book for one-on-one sharing. Blair Christolon, Prince William Public Library System, Manassas, VACopyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

First of all....I would love to live in that house!! I attended a workshop this summer on Literacy. Our instructor showed us this book...and I immediately knew it was perfect for the Kindergarten students I knew I would be getting that are English Language Learners! The illustrations are rich with detail, and the text is amazing, and exposes the students to great descriptive phrases! I will use it as a GLAD lesson. My district expects Kindergartners by the end of the year to write two or more descriptive sentences from a writing prompt plus an illustration. This is an wonderful book to launch us into the involved world of writing! Thank you Cynthia!

The MOST charming children's book ! The title says it all and home is expressed in words and illustration as the warmth, comfort and family ties that every human being longs for.

my students loved this book by Cynthia Rylant - goes through each room of the house and tells why it is important

Lovely book. Very sweet illustrations. Some of the ideas of 'home" are a bit outdated for some families, but this is a book every child should have read to them!

Yet another excellent story from an excellent author

When I was little, I loved looking through books with great drawings that FILLED the pages and left little white space - this is such a book - SO much detail, you could look at each page for several minutes. Just a neat book. Each time I read it, as a mom I want to spring up and clean something, just to ensure that my kids are having wonderful memories in OUR house, as the book encourages.

A pleasant tale, wonderful homey illustrations, arrived well packaged, on time.

This is another favorite book in our house, and is read regularly. Great book to snuggle up and read in front of the fireplace in the winter, and the pictures are so beautiful!

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