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The Airport Book



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Synopsis

Follow a family and the youngest member's favorite sock monkey through all the inner and outer workings of an airport. In a book that is as intriguing as it is useful and entertaining, we follow a family on its way through the complexities of a modern-day airport. From checking bags and watching them disappear on the mysterious conveyor belt, to security clearance and a seemingly endless wait at the gate to finally being airborne. But wait! There's more! The youngest family member's sock monkey has gone missing. Follow it at the bottom of the page as it makes a journey as memorable as that of the humans above.

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Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 2-Nobody knows what's become of Monkey except the preschooler who packed him, tail protruding from the zipper of her suitcase. And so Brown begins this brilliant little book that weaves a Knuffle Bunny-esque narrative into an expository introduction to air travel. It's raining in the city, and a mixed-race family of four take a cab to the airport on their way to see the grandparents. The first page shows a single car on a long, flat drive to their destination, but the page turn opens up to the chaos of the airport itself. Brown bumps up our interest by following several groups of passengers as she takes readers through the procedures and places in an airport, from drop-off to pick-up. There's the soccer team, a cranky old woman and her complacent husband, and a family of

look-alike redheads. At check-in, security, and the gate and on the plane, careful readers will notice Monkey making a parallel journey. Each page offers a simple narrative reflection of the India ink and watercolor illustrations in text small enough not to distract from the page's visual impact.

Well-placed speech bubbles create personalities for an airport's vast cast. The girl and her monkey are reunited at the end of the trip, and readers have learned what to expect when they fly. Planes fascinate children, and there is no shortage of books to develop that interest. There's always room for one more, especially one this good. VERDICT A must-buy for most libraries.-Lisa Lehmuller, Paul Cuffee Maritime Charter School, Providence
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"Brightly colored people and baggage fill double-page spreads, nudging readers to look closely at faces, stances, attitudes, and activities to spin narratives for the travelers. Strategically placed text, with modest typeface and subtle sizing, makes the story-building straightforward and the busy pictures navigable. Instructional, comforting, and threaded with multiple air-travel story strands, this travelogue delivers at many altitudes." •Kirkus Reviews, starred
"Planes fascinate children, and there is no shortage of books to develop that interest. There's always room for one more, especially one this good. VERDICT A must-buy for most libraries." •School Library Journal, starred
"Whether kids are readying for their first plane trip, wondering where parents go after they're dropped off at the terminal, or just looking for some imagined travel, this will set them on the runway." •Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books, starred
"This is one of those books you could look at forever and never run out of new things to notice, smile at, and fold into the next reading. Sky-high in concept, execution, and kid appeal; the only airport book you'll ever need." •Horn Book, starred
"Amusing Easter eggs abound, and Brown's calm delineation of the mysteries and mundanities of air travel should reassure reluctant travelers." •Publishers Weekly

This was originally purchased in preparation for a plane trip, but I can already tell it will be a favorite for a long time to come. There are so many layers to this book, so many ways to read this depending on a child's current interests. You can read the text as is and narrate a typical flight, you can read the dialogue going on between the family members and learn of the monkey's journey, you can ask where the monkey/dog/person with the ____ is. Many of the same people show up on almost every page, which makes it fun to follow their progress on the trip. Even as an adult, I loved going through the book and talking about how, yes, there is often a grownup who refuses to turn off their cell phone!

A young boy, his little sister, and his parents are off on a trip. As readers we follow along as the suitcases get packed (including monkey), the taxi is loaded, the airport is navigated, and the plane takes off and arrives. Each aspect of the journey is documented in the detailed and adorable illustrations. I think the part of the book I enjoyed the most was looking at all the details in the illustrations. It's fun to follow sock monkey's journey, as well as a strange shaped fragile package, and several other travelers that appear throughout the book. Even the cover under the book jacket gives additional details about the travelers. This book makes for a delightful look at traveling but also a great way to prepare children for traveling by airplane. With no shortage of fun things to look at and discuss this book makes for a great sharing experience. While the details of the book are great for one-on-one reading, story times are likely to be a bit more difficult because of all the details.

This is a wonderful book! My two year old has been asking for it every night since it arrived. It's very up to date and explained the airport experience pretty well. I was concerned about an upcoming trip and how my daughter would handle having to wait in lines a lot, but I feel like she will be more accepting of those situations now that she has seen it in this book. She loves spotting the characters on each page as they go through their separate journeys and I notice something new every time I look at it with her too.

This is one of the best books that I have ordered for our 3-year old. He loves to read, and often would have a favorite book for a week or so before he moves on to his next favorite book. We ordered this book 3 weeks ago, and our son has been asking us to read this book 5-10 times a day, every day. So the only criticism I have for this book is that my son loves it too much. Consider it fair warning -- you too may have to read it for over 200 times straight! As other reviewers have pointed out, the story line is simple enough, but there are many interesting details and side stories to follow. So with each reading, we focus on a different subplot. It really engages our son's little inquisitive mind and leads to many fun conversations.

Really cute and interesting book. Lots to read and lots to look at. Besides the actual story, there are recurring characters in the background with speech bubbles on every page. We got it from the library and had to buy our own once it was time to return the library's copy.

Very cute story, my daughter is 5 and she loves all the sidebar stories going on within the main story. We have read this book several times and we always find something new

This book is sheer genius from Lisa Brown. The story itself is simple enough, following a biracial family on their journey to the airport, at the airport, and on the airplane. At the same time we visually follow a great cast of characters throughout and the luggage's journey as well where the family's little girl's sock monkey has it's own adventures. Both the images and the words are multi-layered with lots to see and love. Children who have never flown on an airplane will love learning what happens when they board a plane and they'll also be fascinated by all the activity and people present at airports. Even well-traveled flyers will look over the pages with remembrance of past trips and want to reread this delightful book over and over again. Lisa Brown does an absolutely wonderful job of depicting the chaotic nature of airports without making it overwhelming. A delightful read! For a more in depth review and to find other great children's books, visit us online at Children's Book Academy.

Delightful book. First saw it in the San Francisco Airport and had to own it. I am a fan of Lisa Brown. Drawings follow several scenarios from start to finish. Children will have fun following each character to see where they end up. Illustration medium style is simple, but so much happens in each spread. A wonderful knowledge of what it's like to be in an airport and what happens at an airport. Would be a great book for a child who is going on their first flight.

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