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String beans, spaghetti, ZOOOOP, roast beef, fresh fish, chicken and ice cream are the delicious fare during the week in this popular children's song. Until Sunday. Then, all the world's children are invited to come together and share in the meal. Celebrated artist Eric Carle brings new energy to these much-loved verses as lively animals parade across the page, munching on favorite dishes, and introducing young readers to the names of the days of the week. Both art and song invite children to join in the procession and sing along.

## **Today Is Monday Details**

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## Judy says

Eric Carle is fantastic. But I do much prefer his animal illustrations to his illustrations of people, especially groups of people. Perhaps the style and medium simply lends itself more readily to an iconic single shape than complex scenes with people in them.

I love the cat with the roast beef.

Great cover.

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## Will says

Pretty good Eric Carle title that we have at Yongsan SLP. Not as simple as "Brown Bear, Brown Bear" or as beautiful as "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" but still worthwhile. I'm embarrassed to say I don't understand why the elephant says, "ZOOOOOOOP." Is that just the sound he makes when he slurps soup through his trunk?

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## Angelissa says

Ok so today is really Tuesday but I was drawn into the book cover when I saw it and decided to give it a go. Apparently, there has been a whole generation of kids raised knowing this book and the accompanying song for it. I however was born a decade too early and had never heard of this book before.

Today is Monday is a basic picture book that is supposed to help children with the days of the week while also introducing some foods.

Ok, so I can see where kids might get confused by remembering the days of the week as in the book the days are repeated in backwards order. Which frankly it isn't bad for kids to know the days of the week both forwards and backwards. What if they are stopped one day by a cop who wants them to repeat the days of the week backwards as part of a sobriety test?

In all seriousness this was a cute book. What I most liked it for were the illustrations. What looks simple at first glance is actually much more nuanced and beautiful when you look at it long enough. The cat drawing on the cover is amazing. I'm no art critic but I know what I like and I have to admit I really loved the art in this book.

4 out of 5 stars.

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## Virginia says

My kids loved this book. Especially all the big, colorful animals eating different things. I don't think they really cared for the story per se, but they loved the pictures. LOVED.

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### **Hannah Melberg says**

Today Is Monday was a very fun and silly book for young children. The author Eric Carle wants children to discover that reading can be fun and silly. This brightly illustrated book takes you through the days of the week and the food that each animal eats. Every page is a new animal like an elephant, snake and monkey. Each animal is eating something different from the rest. At the very end of the book the parrot says "all you hungry children come and eat up." And following that there's a table full of all the different foods the animals collected and a bunch of hungry children feasting around the table. I think this would be a fun book to use in my future classroom during a read aloud.

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### **Heather says**

I don't get this song. I think it's stupid. So does my husband. Whenever we hear it we look at each other like, "What the crap? How is this supposed to help us remember the days of the week?"

This book has illustrations to the dumb song. My kids liked it. Goes to show you how well I can trust their opinions. But that's also why I'm giving it 2 stars instead of 1. Their opinion does matter (even if I don't agree sometimes).

But I won't be checking it out again.

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### **Selina says**

This colorful, oversized song book invites preschoolers to recognize and remember animals, favorite foods, and the days of the week all at once. Each page describes a different animal that is eating their favorite food. At the end of the book, a diverse group of children gather around a big table to eat all the different foods mentioned. I love that this book addresses so many different areas of learning, while incorporating multicultural characters.

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### **Sarah says**

We borrowed this from the local library and it was a total flop in both my and my four-year-old's opinion. My toddler likes cats (although we are a dog household) and loves books (incl. "The Very Hungry Caterpillar", "Brown Bear, Brown Bear", and "The Grouchy Ladybug"), but this one did not resonate. She did not want to read it again. I was relieved as I didn't have much interest in reading it again either. The illustrations are classic Eric Carle though, which is why I bumped up the stars to two.

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**gina says**

One of the first (and maybe only) picture books my son wants to read on a daily basis (all day if I'd let him.) He likes that there are cats throughout, though he sometimes thinks the fox is a cat. Oh well, he's only 14 months so we have time to work on that. I highly recommend it! He LOVES it. I look forward to exploring more of Eric Carle's wonderful world with him.

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**Shayan says**

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**Christina says**

You know...I'm not a huge Eric Carle fan. But this book is so wonderful. I think it's the song you sing as you turn the page that has captured my fancy. My son eagerly awaits the funny word for soup in the middle of the book. He is a riot of laughter. I probably need a hardback copy of this instead of paperback. Make sure your child's music teacher gets a copy as well. Great teacher Christmas gift.

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**Jessica says**

My husband and 2 year old daughter really like this book, but I find it frustrating to read to her. It flows in an odd way and what the heck is zoop? Lol. Of course like all Eric Carle books, the pictures are beautiful!

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**Shawn Deal says**

A cute little story that goes through the days of the week and comes with a song you can play if you can read music. Would work nice in a music class.

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**Darlene says**

What can I say? It's Eric Carle!

I picked this up at the library because I wanted art inspiration. I have always thought Mr. Carle's work visually exciting. From the Hungry Caterpillar and Angry Ladybug, I was in awe of the way Eric could make

his own prints and cut them into amazing pictures. The other side of that is his books are so much fun to read aloud to kids.

Having had a few accidents where crepe paper got wet and left an interesting stain behind. (Cleaning said stain wasn't fun but I loved how the stain looked--though it didn't belong there.) I realized when I read the first Eric Carle books to my kids that this was crepe paper stains cut and reformed into fantastic illustrations. I have learned since that he uses tissue paper to make his own prints. Makes me want to play with this method.

This book had pictures that looked less like crepe or tissue paper but the visuals didn't disappoint. The story was rhythmically satisfying. And at the end of the book, the words are placed into a song. I think it would be a fun way to teach a little songwriting or other musical lessons. So with this book, we get so many things to learn.

I didn't miss how inclusive the author was to minorities and the handicapped. All done in a sneaky way that most children or adults might not notice. But on each reading of this book, the onion can be peeled back to show children new lessons.

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## **Mama Bibliosoph says**

Today is Monday is fabulous for a child who needs practice sequencing the days of the week. The unmistakable illustrations of Eric Carle are delightful. The text is a very simple cumulative poem (think "The Twelve Days of Christmas"), meaning that each new stanza adds a line to build on what came before. You end up chaining the days of the week backwards because of this poetic structure, which I imagine could be confusing for some kids, but it hasn't been for mine.

The book introduces a series of animals and names what they eat for various days of the week. The foods and animals are all fairly basic, so they should be reinforcing for most kids who have basic food and animal names in their repertoires.

Happily, Eric Carle includes sheet music at the back of the book so that you can sing this book as a song. Anytime you can sing a book to a child, I think it's beneficial. For many kids, it certainly seems to increase participation and attention.

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I review books for children from the perspective of a parent of kids with autism. The review above is from a longer blog post about great books for kids with autism that can be used to learn the days of the week:  
<http://www.lineupthebooks.com/days-of...>

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