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*. . . I wanted you more than you'll ever know,*

*so I sent love to follow wherever you go. . . .*

Love is the greatest gift we have to give our children. It's the one thing they can carry with them each and every day.

If love could take shape it might look something like these heartfelt words and images from the inimitable Nancy Tillman. *Wherever You Are* is a book to share with your loved ones, no matter how near or far, young or old, they are.

## Wherever You Are: My Love Will Find You Details

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# From Reader Review Wherever You Are: My Love Will Find You for online ebook

## Teri says

I wept while reading this!! I cry easy any way, but I believe I might need a hanky every time I read this. The sentiments of this book touched my heart. Kohls is selling four different Nancy Tillman books for \$5.00 right now. Such a good deal and the money goes to Kohls Cares which gives money to children's health and education initiatives. In the inside flap Nancy Tillman says, "You are loved" has always been my core message to children. What a wonderful message. So glad to add Tillman's books to my daughter's collection.

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## Sweet on Books says

- This is a love story disguised as a book.
- This a beautiful ode to children. Share it the children in your life to let them know they are well-loved and well-supported in all they do.
- This would make a lovely gift for your child, grandchild, godchild, etc, on the occasion of their birth or any milestone in the early years.

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Nancy Tillman's *Wherever You Are* is so much more than a book. It is a poem, a love song and a love letter from adult to child. Tillman's self-described mission is "to convey to children everywhere that they are loved." That is just what she did with this lovely picture book. The story of this book is simple, you are loved. That no matter where you go, my love will follow. Each spread contains a sentiment like that alongside an exquisite illustration of a young child with a different animal.

This is the type of book that is meant to be read together while cuddling, letting the children in your life know just how much they are cherished. There is a whole genre of books like this and they are so important. These books accomplish so many things. For instance, they give you loving time with your little one. They also allow young children to be comforted, which is just lovely in general, while also associating many warm feelings with the act of reading. Stories like these allow children to refer back to them as they age, and remember simple times in the warmth of your embrace. Sentimental? You bet! But not cloyingly so.

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## Camille says

Six months ago, the day after my good friend passed away, I was at a bookstore with her five year old daughter, who believed her mother was just at the hospital. As I watched this sweet-heart play with some toy trains, my eyes were drawn to this book. I took it from the shelf and began to read. I couldn't think of a better message for this little girl than to keep laughing, loving, dancing, . . . all the while knowing that her mother still loved her and wasn't so far away. I bought the book immediately. Later, when this little girl was told that her mother was in heaven and wouldn't be coming back, she asked to see me. Her grandma drove her to my house right away. In her sweet, innocent voice she told me that her mommy had died. I pulled her into my arms, opened this book, and read. She smiled, told me that she liked the story, and asked me to read it again. (As if I could ever say no to her.) We talked about how she is the little girl in the story and that she will

always have her mother's love. I reminded her that she may not be able to see her mommy, but her mommy will see her and love her forever.

This is a gorgeously illustrated, beautifully written book. I felt like it was written for my dear friend's daughter, but your child doesn't require a loved one in heaven to enjoy it. It may not have been written with that in mind, at all. It's a wonderful book and well worth owning.

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### **Stepheny says**

Quite possibly my new favorite children's book.

I loved the illustrations as much as I loved the words. An eloquent testament of a parent's love for their child.

This is apparently Ryder's new favorite as it is the one he grabs most frequently, before plopping down in my lap for his bedtime story. There is nothing that makes my heart happier than a boy who wants to sit in his Mama's lap with a good book before bed. <3

This is a truly beautifully written story about the incredible bond between a parent and child.

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### **Darcy says**

Took in this short little story book today while digesting a good meal. It's basically about how much my parents love me and always will, so I was pretty into it and kept my eyes open. Good thing, too, because there are whimsical illustrations of kids doing crazy things like playing hide-and-seek with bunnies and picking apples with a giraffe! Overall, superb message. Really boosted my confidence. -M

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### **Naomi says**

10/5 Stars! OMGG, I picked this book up just to read it while in the line to buy groceries and to get another kid's review under my belt. It is called multitasking. I about started crying in the middle of the store and immediately put it into my cart for my son. Did I mention he is 26? This book is ageless. This book is powerful.

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### **Barbara says**

This is a delightful book. Love the illustrations, perfect words. Has a magical feel to it. Will share with my grandchildren who arrive today and will leave in 3 weeks for Asia. I plan to read it aloud to them multiple times while they are here so they will remember my voice telling them my love follows them when they are far away. Just a perfect gift for young child.

Barbara Anne Waite- Author Memoir "Elsie- Adventures of an Arizona Schoolteacher 1913-16"

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## **Anima says**

Such a lovely book to share with the little ones! The awesome illustrations and very warm words will give to any child wonderful moments before the sleep time.

"I wanted you more  
than you ever will know  
so I sent love to follow  
wherever you go.  
It's high as you wish it. It's quick as an elf.  
You'll never outgrow it...it stretches itself!

So climb any mountain...  
climb up to the sky!  
My love will find you.  
My love can fly!

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And if someday you're lonely,  
or someday you're sad,  
or you strike out at baseball,  
or think you've been bad...

just lift up your face, feel the wind in your hair.  
That's me, my sweet baby, my love is right there.

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My love is so high, and so wide and  
so deep, it's always right there, even  
when you're asleep.

So hold your head high  
and don't be afraid  
to march to the front  
of your own parade."

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## **Jessica Hottman says**

Summary:

This a book about love. It says we can never outgrow love and the there is nowhere we can go that love cannot reach us. Love never fades or ends. It also reminds us that even when we are having a bad day, there is always someone that loves us.

Audience:

This book is intended for people of all ages, but especially for young children who may be dealing with

feelings of loneliness for the first time.

**Implementation:**

After reading this story I would have my students write a letter to someone they care about. They would address and send the letters themselves.

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**Magpie67 says**

Emotional words of wisdom for children as they grow and eventually leave the homestead. As a parent who will be empty nesting this fall... it brought tears to my eyes because I know they need to grow and have adventures, but the struggle is real for me to let them go. This title communicates what my heart feels... to know how great my love for them is; while they choose their paths. It's a book to tell them I will catch them with my love when paths become a struggle and they are not sure which way to go. My love will help them carry on and see how important they are... they are loved. They will always be loved, they are my children, my soul, my everything. I will begin my own new paths, but I will always stop at the fork in the road when my time is needed, when they ask...

I will be buying two copies of this book before my children head to college this fall. I will personalize them with a note and probably wrap them up, so they can open their gift of love after I leave them.

Thank you Nancy for the beautiful prose and lovely pictures.

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**A\_Jenny says**

Nancy poetically tells her child with wonderfully illustration that no matter where you are my love will always find you. Although, it could be listed as a picture book, it is also full of rhyming, so this can be considered as one long piece of poetry perhaps. The gentleness of the ended neutral child gliding through he different activities and places will always be loved as the message goes through is very sweet. This would be a great book to share with younger kids, but I would imagine we could have this special book for all of our children.

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**Henry Martin says**

Such a wonderful book full of great illustration. The message of unconditional love, a truly unconditional love a parent feels for a child. Love that transcends time and place, forever staying with the child no matter what he/she does and no matter where he/she ends up later on in life.

Recommended.

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**Virginia says**

This book reminds me of Psalm 23:6 ("Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days

of my life..." *NLT*) and Ephesians 3:17-19 ("...to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge." *NIV*). I know that this book is referring to a parent's love for their child, but I would posit that our parental love is just a faint shadow of God's love for us.

Anyhow, the pictures are lovely and the text super sweet. Funny though, that I found the inscription most moving. Something about the author's dad's love pursuing her. Sweet.

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### **Nancy says**

Do not read this book in public, if you are like me, you will turn into a weepy mess.

For some unexplained reason now that my youngest is heading off to college, I am drawn to children's books and the memories that we shared in reading them.

The beautiful cover of *Wherever You Are* drew me in – it is magical as are all the illustrations. I had no idea that the book was a poem from a parent to a child on how much they are loved and the dreams that we have for them as they venture into the world.

Very reminiscent of Robert Munsch and Sheila McGraw's *Love You Forever*, this book brought up some many wonderful memories for me.

This book is a shelf keeper. You will find yourself reading it and weeping over it for years to come.

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### **Mischenko says**

This is such a wonderful, beautiful, and touching book. It's a simple fast read and perfect to read with children. The illustrations combine real life like pictures with colorful backgrounds that are exquisite and artsy. I believe adults will cherish this one too.

The most heartfelt page for me reads, "And if someday you're lonely, or someday you're sad, or you strike out at baseball, or think you've been bad...just lift up your face, feel the wind in your hair. That's me, my sweet baby, my love is right there.

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