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Celebrate Mother's Day every day. This celebration of the bond between mothers and their babies can be shared at naptime or bedtime or whenever it is time to say "I love you." "Written in quatrains that break into couplets across each double page, this lullaby rhyme catalogues various animals and their offspring, describing each mother's testament of love." *School Library Journal*.

"The light-drenched, golden-toned pictures exert a quietly hypnotic effect on both reader and listener, aided by the lullaby's sonorous repetition of each mother animal's love poem to her baby." *New York Times*

I Love You As Much... Details

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Randie D. Camp, M.S. says

Beautiful book! I read it to my little man as a baby and we still read it. My son likes to create his own I Love You As Much phrases :)

Review from a class assignment:

Melmed, Laura Krauss. (1993). *I Love You As Much....* New York, NY: Tupelo Books.

Annotation: For babies to preschool (and up). Henri Sorensen's illustrations of the animals and their habitats are detailed and life-like and compliment the written text extremely well. The book begins with a mother horse telling her child, "I love you as much as a warm summer breeze," and goes on to show several different mother animals proclaiming their love for their children. The last page is of a human mother proclaiming her love to her newborn baby. The illustrations on the last page contrast to all the other pages because it dark while all the others are light. Additionally, the repetitive rhythm of the story is nice for early readers.

Personal Reflection: This book is very special to me; I have been reading it to my son since he was a newborn baby. I also like how it teaches children that animal mothers also care for their children. However, I think that I enjoy this book more than my son does.

krym says

This marvelous picture book is one of my favorites because of its delicate painting. I can imagine that the illustrator had as much love for his child and filial affection transcends in every brushstroke. I just love it!

(NS) Becca says

From School Library Journal

PreSchool-Grade 1-Written in quatrains that break into couplets across each double page, this lullaby rhyme catalogues various animals and their offspring, describing each mother's testament of love. The mountain nanny goat says, "I love you as much as the mountain is steep"; the camel says, "I love you as much as the desert is dry." The book ends with a full quatrain of love poetry from a woman to her newborn child.

Sorensen's paintings are large and bright, spanning double-page spreads and extending to the edge of each page, with full backgrounds and panoramic views that enhance the animal characters. The deep tones, well-lit landscapes (which contrast effectively with the darkness of the final picture), and the multiple layers of opaque paint suggest a formality of portraiture that is not usually seen in children's books. The text, which is discretely tucked away in the corners of the pages where it does not interrupt the effect of the illustration, is set in a decorative italic font. The potential for sentimentality is certainly present, but Melmed carefully avoids the cute and tearful. While reading this book is certainly a satisfying experience, full of pathos and meaning for parents, it's likely to appeal more to them than to their children.

Reginald Crevette says

My mom and I used to read this book all the time, and reflecting on those moments makes me very sentimental. It is important for little children to be reminded of how much their parents love them. And for us to remind them of the same. Love is the best thing we have, and the bond between a child and a parent is forever. This book realizes that universal truth in a straightforward and poignant way.

Whitney Ware says

This book has a soothing tone to it. I love reading it to my little one.

Meg McGregor says

One of the loveliest books I have ever read!

This is certainly one I will read over and over again.

The bond between a mother and child is so special and to see it celebrated in this book is very soothing to any child at bedtime or nap time!

My favorite is when the loving Mother whispers to her baby, "Now sleep, child of mine, while the stars shine above, I love you as much as a mother can love!"

Beckie Coldiron says

This is such a sweet book that I would love to use in my classroom when exploring families and how we love our families. Additionally, I think it'd be super cute to create a "I Love You As Much..." book for the children's families; therefore, they are able to show off their writing skills as well. This book is for the younger readers, so I would implement it in pre-k and kindergarten.

Cc Fortenberry says

This book talked about different mothers telling their children how much they love them in comparison to something in their environment.

I love this book because I like the pictures and the feeling of comfort you get from all of the mothers loving their children. It's a good feel-good book.

I don't think I would use this because every child had a home situation. There weren't any crazy eye-catching pictures either. But I would definitely read it to my child one day.

Alyse says

Sweet book.

Danielle Katz says

This is the best baby book gift! It's so sweet and is still quoted in my house, even years after we stopped reading it. Love it!!!

Terri Lynn says

I had a baby the very year this book came out and this was her favorite book for years. I mean, even as a 6 month old, she would sit up in a soft chair and turn the pages and look at the pictures (she was a very advanced child). She would crawl in my lap and want to turn the pages with me and have me read to her. I adore this book. This is one of my all time favorite books in the world because of the way it brought my daughter and me together so closely. I have shared it with many other young children and they all adore it. It is full of pictures of mother animals and their babies and each spread tells how much the mom loves her baby. If you want to read and share a wonderful, warm, loving, sweet book with the young kids in your life, you can't do better than this. It is a treasure. That baby I had the year this came out will be 21 in June and I caught her reading it just yesterday!

Kim says

Reading it again to the second child, it's a keeper! My son is learning to read it by himself to the baby!

Florence Baumgardner says

Love you so Much... by Laura Krauss Melmed Illustrated by Henri Sorensen.
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I Love you so Much... by Laura Krauss Melmed Illustrated by Henri Sorensen is a board picture book written for N-Nursery ages 2-7. This book tells of how much the main characters animals love their babies ending with how much a mother loves her baby falling asleep. The illustrator uses soft colors and shadows that give a warm feeling to the story. It is a wonderful book of love and the special bonds between a mother and her child. Simple and perfect in every way!

Connie says

Bit sappy, but what do you expect?

Various animals give appropriate comparisons as to how much they love their child, everybody goes awww, and the baby goes to sleep.

Really quite sweet, and beautiful artwork. A good gift for somebody's first mother's day, or for their baby shower.

Jessica Allen says

This book was given to me at my baby shower for my daughter and I read it to her all the time. It's a very sweet book that is about the relationship between a mother and child... no matter human or animal. The animals in the book are very sweet and my daughter loves to point to each animal and say what it is. This is a wonderful book.
