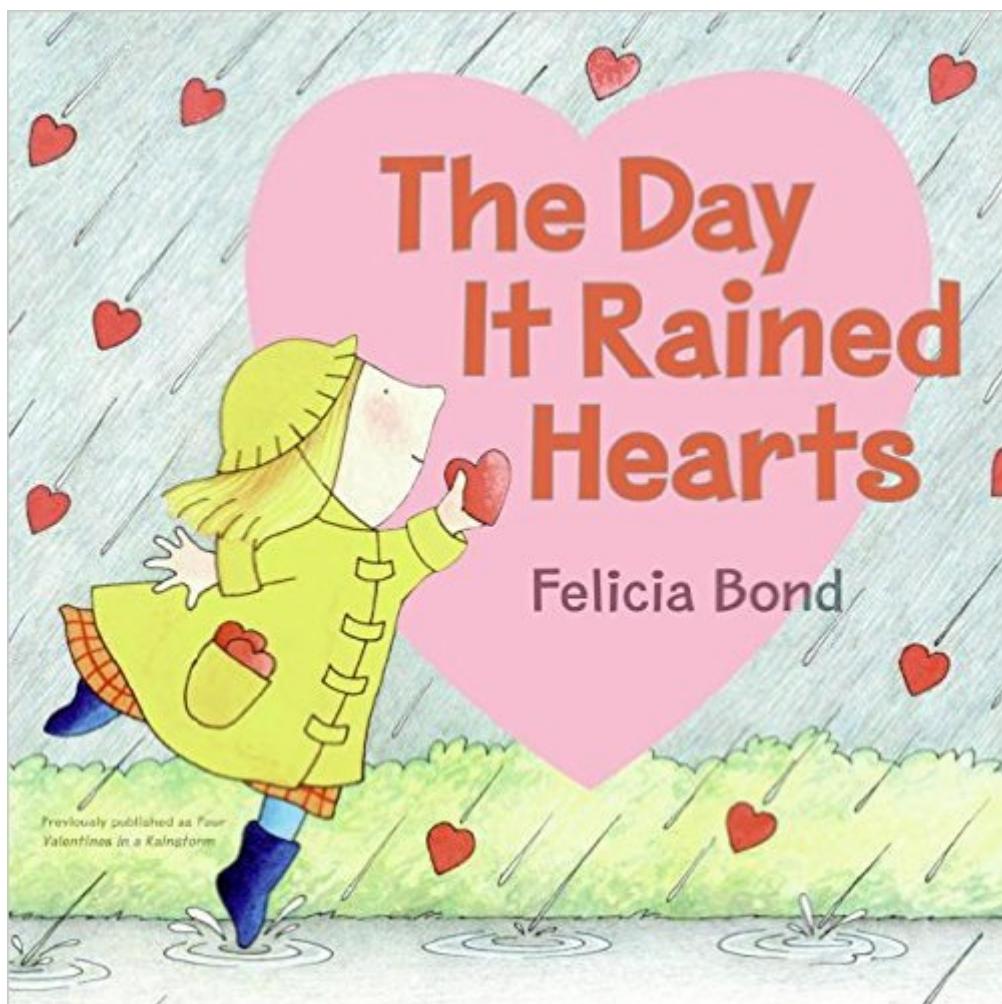


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Day It Rained Hearts



Synopsis

One day it rains hearts, and Cornelia Augusta catches them. Each heart is special in its own way, and Cornelia Augusta knows exactly who to send them to.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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Customer Reviews

Cornelia Augusta couldn't believe her eyes as this unusual downpour began. Instead of water falling from the sky, it was raining hearts. She caught bunches of them in her hands and slicker, and took them home. After examining her hearts carefully, Cornelia Augusta knew just what she wanted to do with each and every one of them.... Felicia Bond has brought back her 1983 picture book, originally titled, Four Valentines In A Rainstorm, and it's as sweet and charming today as it was almost twenty years ago. Her simple and gentle text is kept to a minimum. The actual story is told through her engaging, bright and expressive artwork, as Cornelius Augusta plans and constructs the perfect Valentine for each of four special friends. Preschoolers will enjoy watching her create each unique card, and guessing as to who will be receiving it. With a Valentine sticker page at the end to help your little ones get started on their own special Valentine cards, The Day It Rained Hearts is an endearing holiday book that shouldn't be missed.

My six year old took the board book version of this book out of my hands. I meant to read it to my two year old son. Instead, my first grader was enthralled with the illustrations, the story and the name of the loveable protagonist "Cornelia Augusta". I especially enjoyed how ALL the rainbow hearts Cornelia Augusta catches are ALL different so she can craft personalized, different Valentine's for each recipient of one of her precious gifts. The story is also a very opening one: there are always ways to create... no matter what the medium, what the celebration, whether the people are together or apart. Also, I think the 3-5 year recommendation is a bit young. My 6 year old really enjoyed it as well, the language was perfect for a first grader.

It rains an abundance of hearts one day and Cornelia Augusta catches them and brings them home and figures out who she wants to make things for. She makes a necklace by stringing them together, then cuts holes in one and as the story goes on, the children try to guess who she made the valentines for. It is simple and cute and give the children ideas about doing nice things for their friends. ellen

My mother bought this for Valentine's Day this year for my, then 2.5 year old, boy-girl twins and my kids love this book. It is May and we still read this book at least once a week. The fact that little Cornelia looks at each heart and creates a special valentine card that matches the heart and the recipient shows thoughtfulness. I also liked that even though it never rained hearts again Cornelia wasn't disappointed or sad, but knew what to each Valentine's Day after that. Our book also came with a page of stickers based on the illustrations in the book.

I guess I'm in the minority when it comes to this book, but I just didn't care for it. We love holiday picture books, and this one sounded cute. Thankfully, we borrowed it from the library before buying it. In the beginning, it rains hearts and the little girl gathers some to make for her friends. It goes on to show her making, and mailing the valentines to her friends (which end up being animals). The closing pages say, it never rained hearts again, but she learned how to make valentines other ways. It started out cute and just ended weird. The story doesn't really flow very well and is rather dull. In my opinion, there are much better valentine books out there (ex: the night before valentines day).

This wasn't the best story. It started strong, but then felt like it suddenly ended. I thought it would be an adorable valentine's day book without the sap, but really it was a very weak plot and I am not sure that it had the follow through. We read it once, but I didn't want to have to read it again.

I got this for my 3 year old for valentines day. The story is confusing. "spoiler alert!".....It rained hearts (which is such a whimsical and sweet idea) and a girl collected them and decorated them (how awesome would that really be!!!). She had a different heart for each person and sent them out for Valentines Day(great idea!). She thought the hearts were different but they ended up being sort of the same?? (here's were the story line gets confusing). It never rained hearts again after that, and the author made a point to say it never and I mean never rained hearts again (bummer!). The fact that it never ever rained hearts again, made me sad and disappointed. The story just ends with the girl finding other things to send on valentines instead. They never talk about the day it rained hearts again. It's like it never happened! I guess I was hoping that those heart valentines would be remembered every year or something...but they weren't. Just "it never rained hearts again so she found something else to send instead" (not an exact quote, but to that affect). Flat ending. Anyway, I was hoping for a more whimsical ending, but the entire storyline was inconsistent and has no real direction, in my opinion. Maybe there's a story line or message in there somewhere, but I don't get it at all. I really wanted this love this book, but I didn't and returned it. One thing I did like were the illustrations. Soft lines and sweet looking characters. Very cute pictures.

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