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Editorial Review

Review

"You will love this one just as much as your child will, and it also make a great gift."

"This book does have a great message that all parents will understand and relate to."

"It spoke to my heart... it puts thoughts that I've had a thousand times into words. A must read for all parents."

"Marianne Richmond has crafted another adorable book that parents, grandparents, and even not so small children are sure to enjoy."

"If I Could Keep You Little by Marianne Richmond is a book that understands a parent's desire to have it both ways. While we long to keep our children babies that need us, we also want need to let them go, just a little bit at a time."

"If I Could Keep You Little is not only a book for children, but a great book for adults as well."

"While I desperately want to keep my children little, I also know that I don't want to miss out on the next step. If I Could Keep You Little... sums up just about every parent's heart cry."

"If I Could Keep You Little is a beautiful book that appeals to every age. I enjoy reading it as much as my children and while, I'm able to hold back the tears now when we read it, I can't deny its message still tugs at my heart strings!"

"A story of all the changes that kids go through and all the milestones."

"A really sweet book and beautifully illustrated that lets the parent know all the things he/she would be missing if their child stayed small."

"I'm not sure who liked this book better, me or the kids. The kids love the glimpse into their future and I love remembering all the little things they did as babies."

"It's a beautiful reminder of what it's like to love a child."

"We all want to keep them little."

"It's 'watercolor style' drawings and phrases really speak all the thoughts and feelings I have as my kids take another step towards adulthood."

"The repetitive text in this book makes it appealing to even the youngest of children, but the message makes it appropriate enough to put away and give it to your child as they are leaving to go away for University."

"Perfectly captures that powerful feeling that parents experience as they are raising their kids - that feeling of wanting your kids to grow while greedily hanging on to every moment they are little."

"A great reminder to make the most of their childhood before it's gone."

"Makes you appreciate your little ones being so young before they grow up and fly the nest."

"This is a book that child and parent can both enjoy."

"Its sweet, inspiring words are a powerful insight into the cause and effect relationship between the parent and the child."

"This charming story will help both parents and young children accept and embrace the changes in their evolving relationship."

"This book truly celebrated the beauty of watching a child blossom and become independent while addressing the complex emotions that I feel as a parent when I need to let them go."

"A touching truthful story of how we as parents want our little ones to stay little, but if they did, we'd never get to experience all the other wonderful parts of childhood."

"A tender, touching story for parents and children to share together."

"Marianne Richmond writes with her heart and with the knowledge of a mother. What a perfect way to show children how hard, yet how exciting, it is for a parent to watch as they grow up."

"Children grow so fast and it is hard to remember to cherish every second with how busy life gets. Reading this book helps put this into perspective."

"Marianne Richmond has truly touched upon the myriad of emotions that parents experience as they watch their children grow and mature."

"Sure to resonate with both parents and growing children who are proud of their accomplishments."

"It's a must read for every parent."

"[This book] reminded me that this time I have with them is precious, and I should enjoy every moment of it."

"A beautiful and emotionally driven story that is sure to be a favorite among children and adults alike."

"Marianne Richmond captures so poignantly that yearning we have to hang onto our little ones' sweet youth and innocence (those fleeting moments), while at the same time watching them grow and blossom into the unique individuals they are meant to be."

"Watching our kids grow up is bittersweet and If I Could Keep You Little... represents the tug parents feel as their kids grow."

"Marianne does a great job preserving those milestone memories with her words and her own illustrations."

"Highly recommend it for your book shelf!"

"An adorable, potentially tear-jerking book about the bittersweet feeling of watching your child grow and wanting to cherish every moment before it slips away."

"[It] tug[s] on [the] heartstrings of all those who read it...This is a must read and I would recommend it to families and kids, another great bedtime story."

"This picture book touches the heart and really spells out the feelings of mixed desire to have your child grow into whom they should be, but also to protect them and keep them where they are."

"It reminds us to treasure the right now when they are little and the exciting things they will do and be as they grow. "

"It shows the love a parent feels and also explores how very independent they will become over time."

"This beautifully illustrated and lovingly written book, 'If I Could Keep You Little' by Marianne Richmond echoes the sentiment of mothers who wish to keep their children little, but yet also encourage them to grow and develop to their fullest potential."

"I highly recommend this book for all parents everywhere.....read it to your children, share it with your friends who have children and then go hug your children tightly, you will want to after you read this wonderful book."

"This one makes me cry!"

"It's full of those moments of parenting bliss that you just want to enjoy forever."

"You can practically feel the love between the parents and kids in the pictures radiating off the page."

"This book is just adorable. And not only will your kids enjoy having it read to them, but you may enjoy it more!"

"The book is both sweet and inspiring as it reminds us of all the things we love about our kids little but then reminds us of what we would miss as they become big if we kept them little."

"Perfect children's book to stick under the tree this year."

"Your kids will enjoy the book....and you parents will adore it!"

"I don't see this book as simply a children's book but one that is good for new parents, great grandparents and all of the generations in between."

"What Marianne puts so lovingly into words is that while we will miss the times we had to do everything for them, we are so proud when we see them accomplish things on their own."

"[Marianne] captures in very few words and with great artistic talent the joyful moments of early child-parent/caretaker relations and how those relations change."

"[Marianne's] words and lovely illustrations will delight adults and children alike, making this hardcover treasure a wonderful gift for moms going through it as well as moms who have been there."

"The illustrations are bright and cheerful and feature a wide variety of mommies, daddies and kids so that your little one can see someone that looks a bit like them."

"Readers of all ages will find their own life stories falling out of the pages of rhythmic verse and warm watercolors."

"This is a lovely book with a powerful message that I would recommend any parent add to their child's book collection."

"This is just a lovely book with a lovely message, and is sure to become a fast favorite for lap time or bedtime. Want to keep your child little? Well, you can't...but you can have fun trying. Just read, *If I Could Keep You Little*."

"It will speak straight to your heart as a parent, exploring the powerful feeling that every parent has: the push/pull feeling of wanting your child to grow and savoring and holding on to every moment."

"While I'm sure the book is meant for children, I personally think it would make a wonderful gift for any mom - whether their children are growing or already grown."

"I absolutely love this book, and recommend it to anyone that's a parent."

"Marianne Richmond has captured the bittersweet moments of watching our children grow up, while wistfully recalling all the fleeting little moments that have already passed."

"It is such a neat reminder of the fleeting moments that really matter... and of the beauty of childhood and who these little people are becoming."

"Marianne is quite amazing how she is able to capture all our feelings and put it into a book with her wonderful artwork. Her book is worth reading over and over again."

"It definitely talks to your heart! This would be a great holiday gift to any child."

"It really speaks to you as a parent and the entire range of emotions you feel with raising children. But I love that it is done in such a way that children enjoy it."

"Every single word and feeling Marianne expresses in her book is somehow the same words and feelings that sometimes inundate my mind and heart."

"A feel-good book to share with loved ones on those cold and windy afternoons, snuggled in a big comfy chair - or relished at bed time by parents reading prose from the beautifully illustrated pages as their son or daughter immerses themselves in the wonderful pictures of the children progressing into little-big people."

"*If I Could Keep You Little* successfully captures those fleeting moments when a mother or father reflect on the times when their children were growing up, having to keep them safe and warm -- just before they tuck them in for bed, never neglecting to check the closets and under the bed for all things that may go bump in the night."

"A book that truly comes highly recommended."

"This is a wonderful book that I think every family needs in their home library."

"Every parent can relate to the emotions filled in this book."

"Written for kids, its rhyming prose captures the essence of motherhood for sure. The text is written to your child as you read to them, but it really spoke to my heart as a mom too."

"If I Could Keep You Little is filled with meaningful rhymes and illustrations both parents and kids alike can relate too. Through her innocent rhymes, author Marianne Richmond has managed to convey those feelings of loss and pride many of us as parents feel as we watch our toddlers and children develop, discover, and grow."

"It's a wonderful book and I strongly recommend it for any mom or dad."

"This book brought us giggles and then put me into tears just thinking about how my kids are growing so fast."

"I would definitely recommend this amazing book as a wonderful gift idea that will be a treasured keepsake for your child."

"This is sure to be a favorite with both parents and children, a rare trait to find in a children's book."

"This book perfectly captures that inner struggle we as parents go through watching our kids grow up."

"I can see it becoming a favorite that you, the parent, will select as the bedtime story, from time to time, just so you can casually remind them just how much you cherish him or her."

"Marianne Richmond does an excellent job of touching the hearts of children and their parents with the touching words and illustrations in *If I Could Keep You Little*."

"I really love that this book puts into words what so many parents go through emotionally...watching their children grow up way too fast."

"With whimsical illustrations and rhythmic poetry, *If I Could Keep You Little...* is sure to delight both parent and child."

"A great book about the milestones children reach as they grow up and what most of us mummies want them to stay little."

"With beautiful illustrations throughout, *If I Could Keep You Little*, would make a great addition to any child's library."

"I recommend *If I Could Keep You Little...* as an excellent gift for any parent! It would make a great graduation gift for your child, a precious gift for a new baby or new parents, and the perfect gift for Mother's and Father's Day!"

"*If I Could Keep You Little...* by Marianne Richmond is one of my favorite new books sitting on our bookshelves."

"If I Could Keep You Little is a great Children's book that any mother can relate to."

"This book spoke to my heart and I could relate."

"It is a lovely and sweet children's book, that any parent will be able relate to, and any children will enjoy."

"An endearingly bittersweet book where parents who don't want their babies to grow up too quickly, and yet, want to see their kids realize their dreams and experience life's ups and downs."

"With a cute rhyme and scribbly watercolor drawings, author and illustrator Marianne Richmond tells the story of growing up, and the wonderful discoveries that come from becoming a big kid and from watching that process unfold. I liked this book because it speaks not only to every mother who longs to stop time, but to kids everywhere who can't wait to speed it up. "If I Could Keep You Little" is a big delight."

"Moms and Dads express how much they enjoy their young children in this rhyming book."

"Celebrate life, growth and the bond you share with If I Could Keep You Little by Marianne Richmond. Be sure to have tissues handy."

"If I Could Keep You Little successfully captures those fleeting moments when a mother or father reflect on the times when their children were growing up, having to keep them safe and warm -- just before they tuck them in for bed, never neglecting to check the closets and under the bed for all things that may go bump in the night. A book that truly comes highly recommended."

About the Author

Beloved author and illustrator MARIANNE RICHMOND has touched the lives of millions for nearly two decades through her award-winning books, greeting cards, and other gift products that offer people the most heartfelt way to connect with each other. She lives in the Minneapolis area. Visit www.mariannerichmond.com.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Audrey Thompson:

Throughout other case, little people like to read book If I Could Keep You Little. You can choose the best book if you want reading a book. So long as we know about how is important some sort of book If I Could Keep You Little. You can add information and of course you can around the world by way of a book. Absolutely right, because from book you can realize everything! From your country until eventually foreign or abroad you may be known. About simple factor until wonderful thing you are able to know that. In this era, we can easily open a book or maybe searching by internet unit. It is called e-book. You need to use it when you feel bored stiff to go to the library. Let's learn.

Justin Oliver:

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don't wish do that. You must know how great in addition to important the book If I Could Keep You Little. All type of book would you see on many resources. You can look for the internet solutions or other social media.

John Casper:

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Cinthia Jacobsen:

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