Slugs in Love by Susan Pearson

Even slugs send valentines

Marylou loves everything about Herbie--how his slime trail glistens in the dark, how he can stretch himself thin to squeeze inside the cellar window, and how he always finds the juiciest tomatoes. But Marylou is a shy slug. How can she get Herbie to notice her? Find out how Marylou woos her beloved in this must-have love-story that's perfect for Valentine's Day.

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My Personal Review:
When my 6 year old and I were hunting Valentine's Day books in the bookstore, I overlooked this one, because I thought--how interesting can a book be about slugs. But my daughter read it and said, mom, this is a great one, you read it too! I'm so glad I did...

There are so many children's books about Valentine's cards and parental love for Valentine's Day, but so few that can be appropriate about actually falling in love in the couple sort of way. This book has managed to do this in a totally adorable and appropriate way for young children.

The slugs are so cute--Marylou falls for Herbie, but is too shy to tell him so she writes him love poems (so cute!) with her slime trail (adorable!) around the garden. He wants to meet her but can't seem to find out who or where she is, and tries to write back, but his poems keep being destroyed or missed by MaryLou, who thinks he doesn't return her affections, but
keeps on writing to him, hoping. When they finally connect, it is so sweet, and they live happily ever after!

The illustrations are completely lovely -- who would have thought that slugs and their slime trails could be cute!

I totally want this book to read over and over with my girls and will be dropping heavy hints to relatives for Valentine's Day!

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