The Giant Carrot by Barry Root

Preschooler Preferred; Mother Approved!

A TALL tale about the power of teamwork When sweet Little Isabelle's family plants a carrot seed one day, tall Papa Joe, wide Mama Bess, and strong Brother Abel all do their part. But when Little Isabelle wants to help too, Brother Abel just laughs. What can you do? he asks. Ill sing and dance to the carrot to make it grow, she says. And come summer, well have little cups of sweet carrot puddin. Sure enough, that carrot takes a fancy to Little Isabelle's singing and dancing and grows to an amazing height--proving that great things can be accomplished when everyone works together. Based on an old Russian folktale, and complete with a scrumptious recipe for carrot puddin, this wonderfully humorous story shows the strength of teamwork and the power of a touch of imagination.

My Personal Review:
My daughter got dressed up and did a beautiful creative dance for me last week. When she was done, she said, Mom, dont I look like that pretty little girl in the carrot book? That in itself wouldnt be amazing except for the fact that WE DONT OWN THIS BOOK! WE HAD CHECKED THIS BOOK OUT FROM THE PUBLIC LIBRARY ABOUT 6 MONTHS AGO! Im buying my copy today! The illustrations grab you. Theyre realistic, colorful and created with a sense of humor. I could say the same for the text which builds page to page allowing each member of the family to play a role in contributing to the success of the giant carrot. My children love this book, especially when I read it with a southern drawl.

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