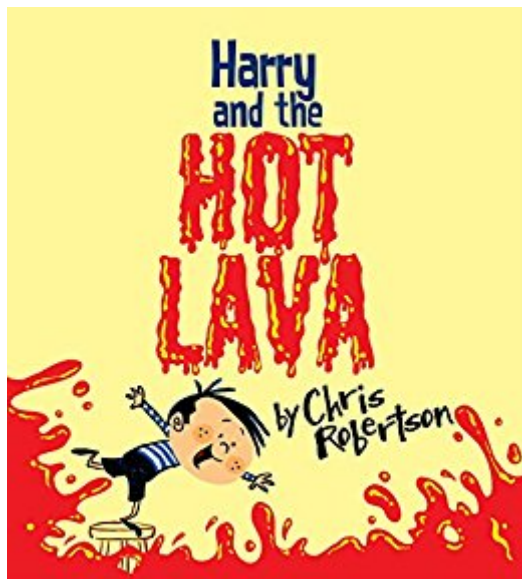


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Harry And The Hot Lava



Synopsis

Harry is a little boy with a big imagination. One day, a simple game of "don't step on the hot lava" turns into an adventure he'll never forget! This children's picture book features the iconic art of Chris Robertson and has fun simple text perfect for beginning readers and storytime.

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Customer Reviews

Clever plot based on the child's game, "Don't step on the lava." Harry discovers something very strange happening in his house. Hot lava is oozing everywhere, and he must dodge and leap to avoid it. Harry moves from room to room in a frantic effort to escape. Chris Robertson uses his distinctive style of illustration with just the right choice of color and movement to convey the meaning of the text. Perfect for children ages three and up, the text is colloquial using alliteration combined with many sound-effect words. Robertson even makes a surprise appearance at the end of this book dedicated to his son.

This is a cute book. The author plays 'hot lava' pretend play just like my grandchildren and I do! Colorful pictures, exciting dialogue- the grans love that theirs a story about us!

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My 4 year old grand-daughter LOVES this book. Whenever I come over the first thing out of her mouth is Nana..read me Hot Lava! Then she recites the story to me as I try to read it. She has every word memorized. It is a charming story and it just brings her to life. Finally her parents had to ask me, what the heck is Hot Lava..it is all she wants to hear! Gotta love this book!

I have chosen to give this great short story for kids a five stars rating! Because it sure showed a lot of imagination and I bet it should be quite a different ebook from some ebooks! I recommend this ebook for kids with have a lot of imagination or even perhaps those who do not have it but the parents, etc, think this kid should be encouraged to have some, yes ? I received this ebook for free from a free website emailing! Great job Chris! By Angela

A huge fan! The "lava-filled" imagination of a boy comes to life in this book by Chris Robertson. His unique way of illustrating books sucks the reader in! It highlights the main character and action, and it is devoid of any unnecessary, busy drawings. If you have not read any of his other books, you will want all of them after reading this one. Chris, you knocked it out of the park once again! Two "lava-covered" thumbs up! - Candy Grant (Children's Author - Omnibus Publishing)

A reminder of my childhood! A favorite child game is playing hot lava. This is a cute book about a boy playing the game. Love it! Great illustrations showing a child's imagination. I love the role a mother is!

I just downloaded this wonderful book for free after seeing it advertised on BookBub. The illustrations are wonderful and flow along with the text of the story beautifully. I am going to share with my seven year old nephew tonight, and I plan to tell mothers of young kids that this is one to add to their library. Great job on this book!

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