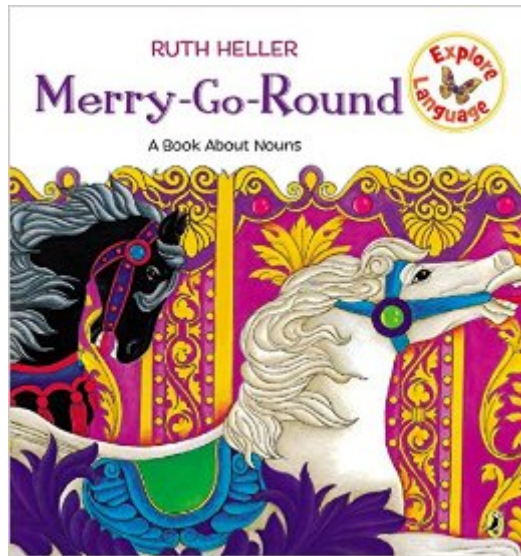


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# Merry-Go-Round: A Book About Nouns (Explore!)



## Synopsis

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## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I ordered this book along with Brian Cleary's "A Mink, a Fink, a Skating Rink" and found the two to be quite different in both content and style. I thought a review might help someone else choosing between the two. I don't know who assigned the reading level as is currently is shown, but to say this book is for ages 4 through 8 is misleading. This may be accurate if only reading ability is being considered, but where content is concerned I think it is more than the average four or five year-old needs or wants to know. As I pre-read this book, even my eyes started to glaze over. It is a LOT of information for a short book. Including abstract nouns and concrete nouns in addition to the common, proper, and compound nouns is probably okay for the younger kids and great for the older ones. But how to make different types of nouns plural giving examples of when to add "es", how to handle a "y", changing an "f" or "fe" to "v", and words that end in "o" (which gave three examples, one for adding "s", one for "es", and then one for doing it either way) seemed like more of a spelling lesson to me, and could quickly turn to information overload. If you are looking for something to add the learning of nouns at a more in-depth level and for the higher end of this age bracket, this could be a nice compliment. But for the younger kids of four, five, and six, I would recommend opting for "A Mink, a Fink, a Skating Rink". It keeps it much simpler, and the illustration and text are funner, even a little silly.

This book is a great resource for teaching and/or reviewing nouns. However in the book there are some words that might get you in trouble with parents or administration if you are a teacher. The words are jackasses and boobies, as in red-footed boobies. Just an FYI.

I just happened to find these and so happy they are Great! Beautiful illustrations that the kids love, and learn from as well, in a format that keeps them interested. Even helped me remember things that I'd forgotten over time.

I LOVE Ruth Heller's books. She has a way to captivate even the oldest of students. I love that she does not "baby down" the information but yet provides a platform of much discussion with even the youngest students. This is a definite must have in an elementary and middle school classroom library.

Being a school librarian, I have always loved Ruth Heller. Her illustrations are absolutely gorgeous. Along with the scrumptious pictures, is a wonderful way for young children to learn about parts of speech in a painless manner. Hooray for Ruth Heller.

I truly enjoyed reading this book to my kids. The rhythm and rhyming was enjoyable as was the silliness added to the pages. I learned from the book and feel that having the series as part of our school room would be to our advantage.

The illustrations are gorgeous, the poetry is quick-witted. The only reason I couldn't give this book a perfect rating is that I thought it was too advanced for my first graders and went past the basic definition of nouns to more complex skills like determiners.

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