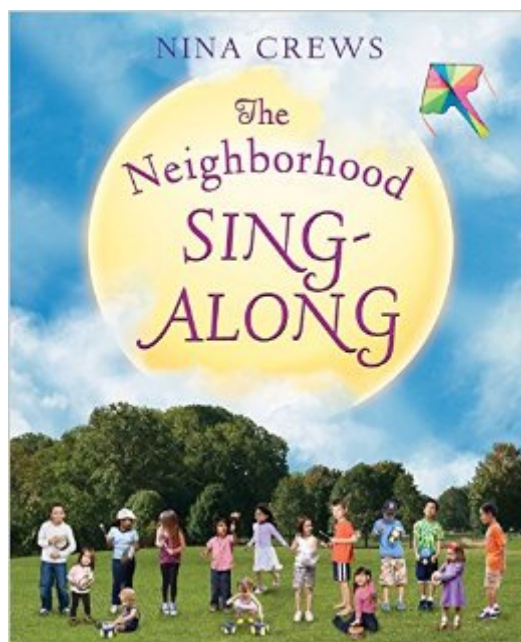


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# The Neighborhood Sing-Along



## Synopsis

Playground songs and classroom songs, silly songs and sweet songs, wake-up songs and bedtime songs . . . Every day, children, parents, friends, brothers, and sisters sing songs to one another. Nina Crews brings her energetic style of illustration to this collection of thirty-four perennial favorites. From "Miss Mary Mack" (watching fireworks from her balcony) to "London Bridge" (built by a brother and sister in the living room) to "Skip to My Lou" (in a rolling green park), the songs make this companion to the acclaimed *The Neighborhood Mother Goose* a treasure for every child in every neighborhood.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

This is a great choice for any parent looking for a song collection. Crews has taken 34 of the most popular songs for toddlers and preschoolers and coupled them with photos that bring the songs a contemporary edge, making them easy to identify with for any youngster - especially city dwellers. From *If You're Happy and You Know It*, to *Down By The Riverside* this is a really nice mix that has something to appeal to kids ranging from toddlers (*I'm a Little Teapot*) to young elementary students (*Alexander's Ragtime Band*). The photos depict a wide variety of kids both indoors and in city settings. They range from the realistic depiction of a child looking at a lost dog poster for "Where oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone?" to the whimsical portrayal of elephants and fireworks in the sky for

"Miss Mary Mack". This is just a nice purchase for any parent wanting to liven up song time at home, or any story teller wanting a nice addition to story time. I love that the Wheels on the Bus photo shows a city bus instead of the usual yellow school bus and the look on the girl's face for the song "There's a Hole in My Bucket" is just priceless. The only thing that could have made this better is if music or a CD would have been included. As is, it is still an excellent addition to any child's collection.

My preschool students love this book. We use it to do sing-alongs several times a week. They love the pictures and songs. The children in the illustrations are real to them. The urban setting is familiar, a different city but has similarities the kids talk about. The only issues to beware of: some songs have slightly different lyrics than I was used to; they are folk songs after all. There is no music included, so I use Youtube to learn tunes that I don't already know. However, I know most of them because this is a truly classic collection and it is wonderful to be able to pass them on to the next generation.

I just got this out of the library and my 2yo and hyperactive 4.5yo loved it so much we read/sang for an hour straight (running to YouTube to get the melody for the ~5 songs I'd never heard before). The simple photographs capture my boys attention, and there are no song music/chords to be distracting. I came right away to buy myself a copy since I'm sure we will read this one ragged.

Contents:

If you're happy and you know it  
Do your ears hang low?  
Skip to my Lou  
The Wheels on the bus  
Hush, little baby  
The Alphabet song  
Frère Jacques  
Oh, little playmate  
I've been working on the railroad  
I'm a little teapot  
One, two, buckle my shoe  
This little light of mine  
Take me out to the ball game!  
La Bamba  
There's a hole in the bucket  
Sailing, sailing  
Row, row, row your boat  
Oh where, oh where has my little dog gone?  
The animal fair  
A-tisket, a-tasket  
Miss Lucy  
It's raining, it's pouring  
Here we go round the Mulberry bush  
Mary had a little lamb  
Short'nin' bread  
Miss Mary Mack  
Alexander's ragtime band  
John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt  
Shoo, fly!  
London bridge is falling down  
Oh, dear, what can the matter be?  
Alouette  
Down by the riverside  
Yankee Doodle.

Love this book! The current pictures make the songs much more real for children. I have read it at least 1,000 times to my granddaughter since she was born and is now four years old. She loves to sing-a-long. By the way, I was a reading teacher!

This is my new "birthday" gift book. It has all the nursery rhymes that I have long forgotten and I

need help to remember. But also I love that this childrens' book shows real children. (So many childrens' books have just animals- rabbits, bears, etc...) And the children in this book come in every race and every combination of races. I love a childrens book that reflects diversity in a way that every kid can see a reflection of themselves.

This is a great book for many reasons. My granddaughter is learning to read. While we sing together, she is learning the words. The choice of songs brings many good memories to me, as many of these are old favorites. Hopefully, she is storing up memories of her own of our time singing together. Lastly, the pictures of REAL children are excellent, and she comments on the children and backgrounds that they are pictured in. When we checked this out at the library, I knew we had to have it. It's a great way to preview books, learn what kids like, and about a hundred other reasons to visit your library.

My 11-month old son loves this book! He constantly picks it up and brings it to me to sing together. It is one of his all-time favorite books. Sometimes we have to hide it. :) I was a little disappointed with it in comparison with The Neighborhood Mother Goose, which is also by Nina Crews. The Neighborhood Sing-Along is not quite as ethnically diverse. My son is multiracial, and I am always looking for books that prominently feature kids who look like him. We loved The Neighborhood Mother Goose for this reason. We do love the song selection in The Neighborhood Sing-Along. Lots of good songs!

Delightful. I cannot wait to share it with my bright, 2 year old granddaughter. The

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