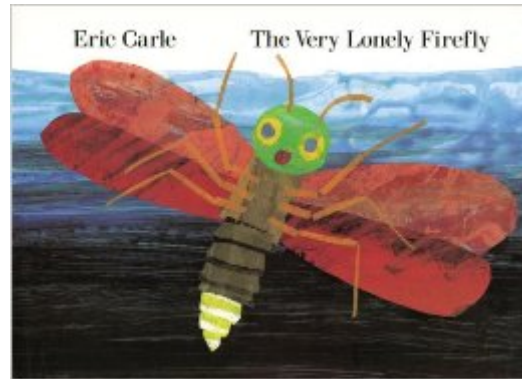


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# The Very Lonely Firefly



## Synopsis

A VERY classic from Eric Carle, creator of The Very Hungry Caterpillar! When a very lonely firefly goes out into the night searching for other fireflies, it sees a lantern, a candle, and the eyes of a dog, cat, and owl all glowing in the darkness. It even sees a surprise celebration of light. But it is not until it discovers other fireflies that it finds exactly what it's looking for--a surprise sure to bring smiles to anyone who turn the final page! Lushly illustrated with Eric Carle's trademark vibrant collage art, soothingly told with a gentle read-aloud rhythm, and complete with a surprise sure to "light up" children's faces, The Very Lonely Firefly will fast become a storytime favorite. Read it with a flashlight in the dark or under the table--and watch those fireflies glow!

## Book Information

Age Range: 2 - 5 years

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## Customer Reviews

I've been sharing this with my daughter since she was about 7 months old. She was a little antsy the first time through, but when we reached the lights she fell in love with the book. It is her favorite of the Eric Carle books (although she really likes sticking her fingers in the holes of The Very Hungry Caterpillar.) My daughter is now 20 months old and asks for this story every night. Her vocabulary is growing with each rereading and she is able to point out most objects (firefly, candle, lantern, dog, cat, flashlight, lights) to me. I am surprised at how much she enjoys it and find this is one book I don't mind reading every night. The batteries are the only problem. The first set finally died after a year of steady use, and the second set didn't last very long. (I suspect she left the book open all

day.) I am having trouble finding replacements that don't cost more than the book, but the book is so enjoyable I don't mind.

This is an information book about a lonely firefly searching for other fireflies. The search leads him to other sources of light such as light, candle, and flashlight. The text may be a little weak but that is what gives you time to add science discussion or what we feel like when we are feeling lonely. The last page is the best and sparks in those little eyes makes it all worthwhile!

My children (ages 2&4) adore this book. The text is a bit boring, but they look forward to the last page. They also have a tendency to leave it open, and the batteries have been replaced twice in the last 5 months -- (it takes 4 batteries that retail for \$2-3 each, and I've only been able to find them at one electronics store). This seems to be too much maintenance for a children's book -- especially given that we enjoy Eric Carle's "no-maintenance" books just as much or more.

Eric Carle's books are enduring favorites with our family. This one is particularly fun because when you turn the last page, all the fireflies flash their lights. Great for bedtime with the lights down low!

All the reviews are for the "board book." The paperback version does NOT light up at the end. Unfortunately, all the reviews for the board book being on the paperback item makes you think you're buying a version that lights up. TAKE NOTE AS TO WHICH VERSION YOU BUY.

My 3 year old daughter enjoyed this book a great deal when she was 2. It hasn't held her attention in quite the same way as other Eric Carle books (Brown Bear, etc. or Polar Bear, etc. for instance). But the colors and lights entranced her, and we still read this book once in awhile.

I'm not sure how he does, but Eric Carle totally understands kids, and is clearly a very smart writer and person. This book has appealed massively to my son at different points in time, for different reasons: for the flashing fireflies on the last page when he was less than an year-old, for the objects (especially the different kinds of lights) in the middle of his second year, and for the story as a whole in his third year. The book has all the components of a clever construct: a simple hook, repetition, bright colours and vivid pictures, and a simple story. Strongly recommend.

obviously a great story, but the book itself is junk. this is my second copy. the first i bought heavily

used, it was the old edition, and had a pressure sensor on the light up page so when you opened it, blink blink blink. eventually kiddo ripped the book in half and i bought a replacement. the new edition has a paper pull to trigger the lights when you turn the page. it tore the second or third time we read it. it was never handled roughly. such a disappointment.

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