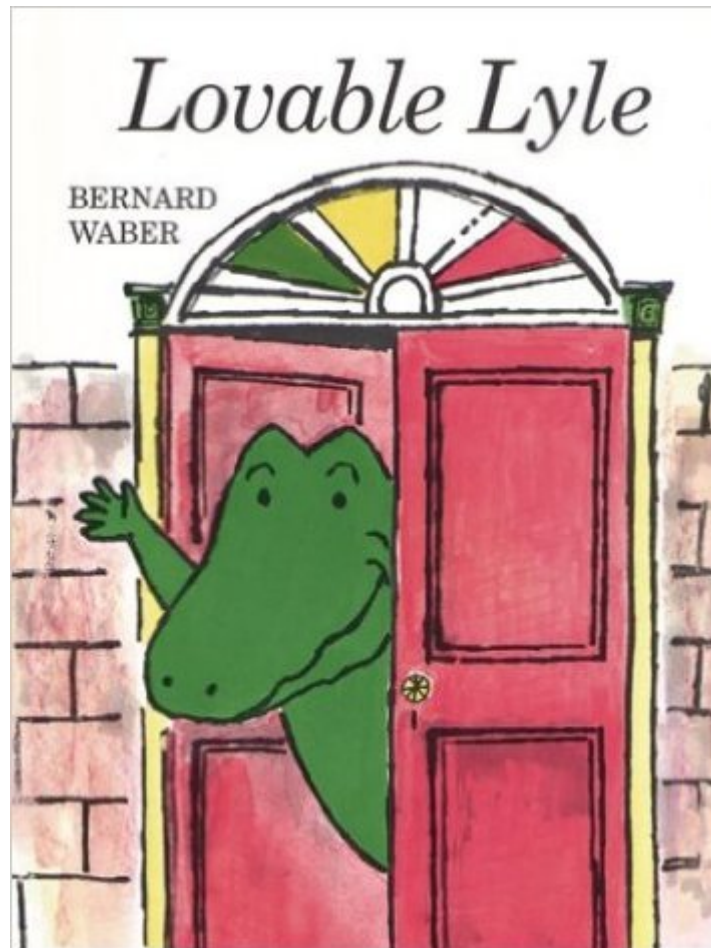


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Lovable Lyle (Lyle The Crocodile)



Synopsis

Lyle is distraught to learn he has an enemy and tries to be an even more lovable crocodile than he was before.

Book Information

Lexile Measure: AD510L (What's this?)

Series: Lyle the Crocodile

Paperback: 48 pages

Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers; None ed. edition (April 27, 1977)

Language: English

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Product Dimensions: 0.2 x 7.8 x 10.5 inches

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Average Customer Review: 4.3 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (23 customer reviews)

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

An unidentified enemy darkens the sunny and idyllic world of our favorite Upper East Side crocodile. The book begins with a quick inventory of those who do love Lyle. There seemingly are no exceptions; this section ends with a picture of Lyle in the park, looking somewhat like Saint Francis of Assisi, birds perching on his head, kittens nestling up against him as butterflies flit about and a happy squirrel approaches. The caption reads, "And in return Lyle loved the whole, wide, wonderful world. He didn't have one single enemy in it... or so he thought". I must digress to talk about Waber's exceptional illustrations. The expressions of abject adoration that he manages impart to the drawings of Lyle's admirers are simply astonishing. Forty years after its creation, his art has a vintage feel, but is so expressive and loaded with detail, that it will hold the attention of readers of all ages. Anyway, getting back to the story, the love fest is interrupted by a note signed, "Your enemy" and stating, "I hate you". In the next section of the book Lyle confronts the pain of rejection, while the Primm family, with whom he lives, tries to discover the identity of the hate monger. All the while the nasty notes keep coming. Mrs. Primm and Lyle even come across the scrawled graffiti, "Down With

Crocodiles". Eventually, the sleuthing pays off and the enemy is identified as Clover Sue Hipple, a little girl whose family has recently moved into the neighborhood. All of Clover Sue's friends love Lyle and play with him, but Mrs. Hipple won't let CS join in the fun. Hence the animosity. Another digression, this one dealing with the genius of Waber's choice of names. A little girl, new in the neighborhood and named Clover Sue Hipple?

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