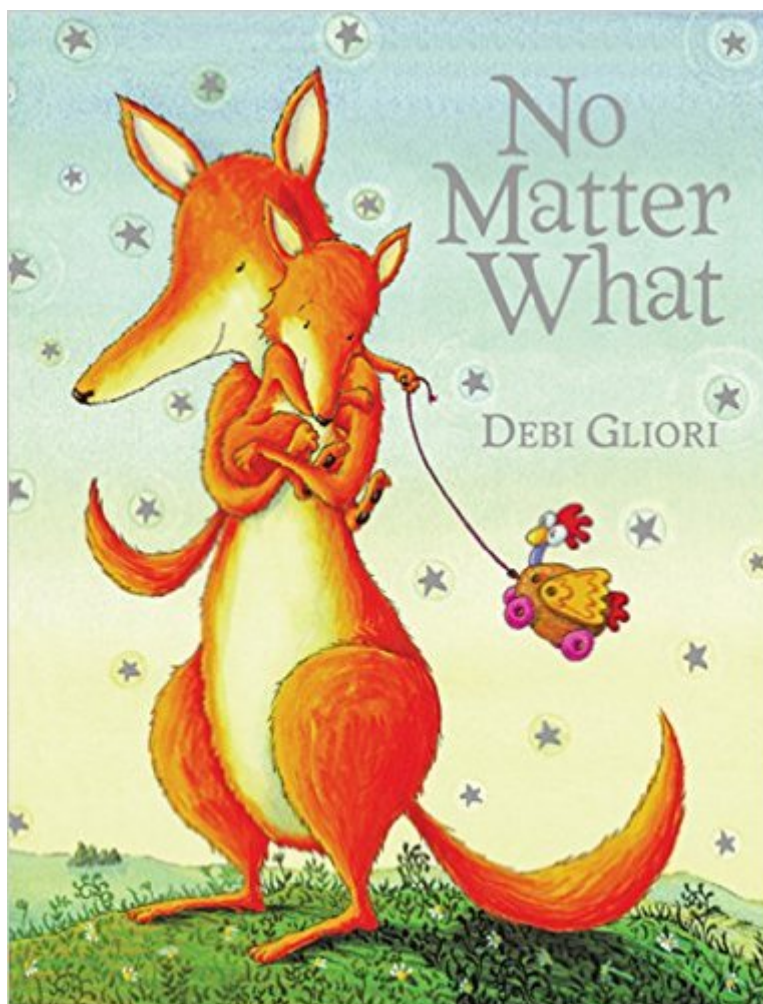


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# No Matter What



## Synopsis

"I'm grim and grumpy," says Small to Large, "and I don't think you love me at all." But nothing could be further from the truth--and Large knows just how to reassure Small in this warm and tender story about a child's biggest worry and a parent's endless capacity for love.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I originally purchased this book through my son's Scholastic book order. When it got ruined we needed a replacement since it was one of his favorite books. The version we received is very different from the one available through the Scholastic market. The text isn't the same. The version I received through [Amazon](#) is great for a child who has lost a parent or loved one...but not for my purpose. The words changed from "What about when you're far away..." to "What about when you're dead and gone". We have since located the Scholastic version...but be aware of the differences when you purchase this book.

Although this book smacks of the same ideas behind the books "I'll Love You Forever," "The Runaway Bunny," and "Guess How Much I Love You," it's a heartwarming favorite nevertheless. "No Matter What" is about a little fox endearingly named "Small" and his mother, "Large." Small is very grumpy as he's getting ready for bed, and he can't understand how his mother could love him when he's acting this way. He questions whether she would love him even if he were a different animal or

lived far away. His mother ensures Small that she would love him "no matter what." The book "No Matter What" may be based on a trite plot/concept, but at least it's one worth repeating. The illustrations in this book do more than simply reinforce the text, for the text is simple and abstract in some places, particularly toward the end of the book. The illustrations give concrete images to the abstract concept of love, while providing humorous details and asides. The pull-toy that Small breaks, for example, becomes mended on the page where Small asks if love can be fixed or patched. Circular lines provide a unifying motif throughout the work's illustrations, and the bright colors lend to the book a feeling of warmth. I recommend this book. The illustrations and rhythmic text, in particular, are delightful. The only drawback I noticed was the slight breakdown in voice toward the end of the book, where the text drifts into the abstract concept of love. But at that critical shift in text, the illustrations remain compelling, and thus, so does the book.

Possibly the only children's book that has moved me to tears (well, for quite a long time!)- deeply reassuring for "older children" like me as well as younger readers. Beautifully illustrated, and a bonus of visual "did you spot them?" to keep adults entertained through a gazillion repeat readings....

Annoyed, because the ending of this book is different from the one I brought my sons up with. Beware, there are TWO different texts, the UK and the US versions. The US version ends on a completely anodyne note, the UK one teaches life lessons. Small asks: "What about when you're dead and gone?" Large takes Small outside and says "See the stars, how they shine and glow? Well some of those stars died a long time ago, but still they shine in the evening sky, because love, like starlight, never dies" I actually bought this for the children of friends who'd lost their grandparents. I wanted the correct ending !~!!

"No Matter What" has a very simple message, but one that every parent needs to reinforce to their children. That their love is unconditional. Debi Gliori's illustrations are warm, vibrant and beautiful. This book is a keeper, and a great gift item.

Was not informed that this was an abridged and highly edited version of the original...I read this book to my children when they were young and we got it for a friend and when I read it for old times sake saw it was changed a lot...It is not an issue to use the line "But what about when you are dead and gone? Will you love me then does love go on" That line is not there, and it actually changes the

content as well as true meaning of the book, using the word "Dead" in a childrens book does not hurt the child, it actually helps them to grow and understand the entire cycle of life...very upset at the editing!

This lovely picture book is charming for both children and adults. As a children's librarian, I am always looking for books parents and children can enjoy together. this story, about a parent reassuring a child that love will endure no matter if the child were an alligator or any other creepy thing, touched the heart, and will reassure young listeners. I heartily recommend it!

The guidelines at the top indicate 4-6 years old but my 2 year old loves it. And I love reading it to her. The message makes me feel good but the illustrations are the clincher - we both love looking at it. A great edition to your child's library and a great gift item!

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