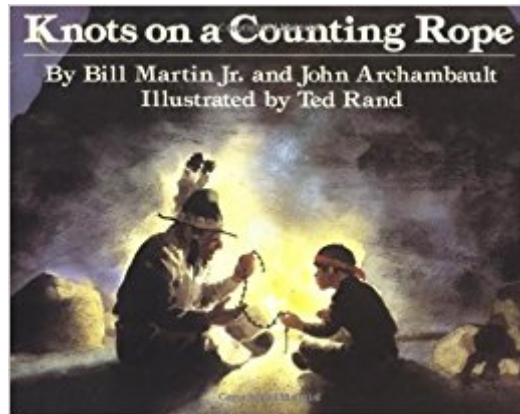




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Knots On A Counting Rope (Reading Rainbow Books)



Synopsis

In this poignant story, the counting rope is a metaphor for the passage of time and for a boy's emerging confidence in facing his blindness.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Gathered near a campfire under a canopy of stars, a Navaho Indian boy hears the tale of his birth from his grandfather. Born on a windy night, the child was weak and frail. In the early morning, Grandfather brought him out to meet the morning. Two blue horses galloped by, stopped and looked at him; the baby raised his arms to them. Grandfather said, "This boy child will not die. The great blue horses have given him the strength to live." Named Boy-Strength-of-Blue-Horses, the child later needs that well of strength to deal with the fact that he is blind. Rand's atmospheric, vivid paintings evoke the tale's sensibility as they move it along. The beauty and vastness of the Western sky and the intimacy of two loving figures by a campfire are portrayed with equal fluidity. A rich tale of intergenerational love and respect, this is bittersweet and unsentimental. It is a moving collaborative effort that reverberates long after the book is closed. Ages 5-8. Copyright 1987 Reed

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Kindergarten-Grade 4 Boy-Strength-of-Blue-Horses begs his grandfather to tell him again the story of the night he was born. In a question-and-answer litany, the boy and his grandfather share the telling of the events on that special nightthe wild storm; the frantic ride for the grandmother/midwife; the birth of the frail, sickly boy; and the blessings of the blue horses. Through a staccato dialogue, readers learn how the boy, who was born blind, teaches his horse to run the trails. They enter a race, and although the boy does not win, his grandfather tells him that he has ``raced darkness and won.” The boy and his grandfather each have such a distinctive voice and cadence that there is no need of imposing qualifiers such as ``he said.” The story unfolds naturally, exhibiting the love between the boy and his grandfather. The illustrations, executed in strong watercolors, capture the beauty and strength of the southwest. Through form and color, Rand creates enduring mountains, fluffy clouds floating in a brilliant blue sky, and the gritty textures of the earth. The people exhibit character, individuality, and pride. And the loving bond eloquently expressed in the text is also reflected in the profiles of the two seated figures surrounded by the glow of the campfire. Parents and grandparents should share this book, and then their own stories, with children. Karen K. Radtke, Milwaukee Public LibraryCopyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

As a child this was my all time favorite book. It is still in the top 10. Beautiful story, beautiful illustrations. Teaches several truly meaningful lessons.

I was disappointed to find that this was not the same "Knots on a Counting Rope" as was originally published in Bill Martin's Sounds series published in the sixties/seventies. The wisdom in that story far surpassed this one, in my opinion, and was appropriate for many, many situations children are faced with in today's world. But this is a lovely story, just not as good.

Great, thought provoking story! well illustrated and enjoyable. great read with the kids!

I have bought 10 copies of this wonderful book. Read it aloud to your children. It has a wonderful cadence to it.

This is an inspiring story and I love the way it shows the love this family has for this special little boy.

Children of all diverse cultures have things in common with this child. I loved it. It is a wonderful reminder of childhood for us all.

I found this book and decided to use it for my class this week, which was a real gamble since I just ordered it last week. AND It's here already..order came in 6 days later..Thank you so much!

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Great children's book!

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