ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT

But what happens next? Why, it’s time to hoist sail and set out to sea, where an island is just waiting to be discovered.

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Ages 3-6
22 pages

Themes: Rhyming, animal identification, colors, imagination

This is a great book that uses predictable rhyming words. After you’ve read a page or two, see if your child can guess what the last word is on each page. (Example–Life is but a ______) The illustrations are so bright, have your little reader identify what colors are in the pictures.

When you’ve finished the book, go back and pick words that are easy to rhyme…boat, sail, socks, slide, etc., and see how many words the two of you can come up with that sound the same. (Example-boat, goat, coat, float)

Have some fun and put your child’s imagination to the test and see how they might change some of the rhyming words to make the story turn out a little differently. (Example–Row, row, row your boat gently down the _____. We’ll celebrate your birthday with party hats and cake.) It’s a stretch but a great way to “think and rhyme”!
Row, row, row your boat
Gently down the stream
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