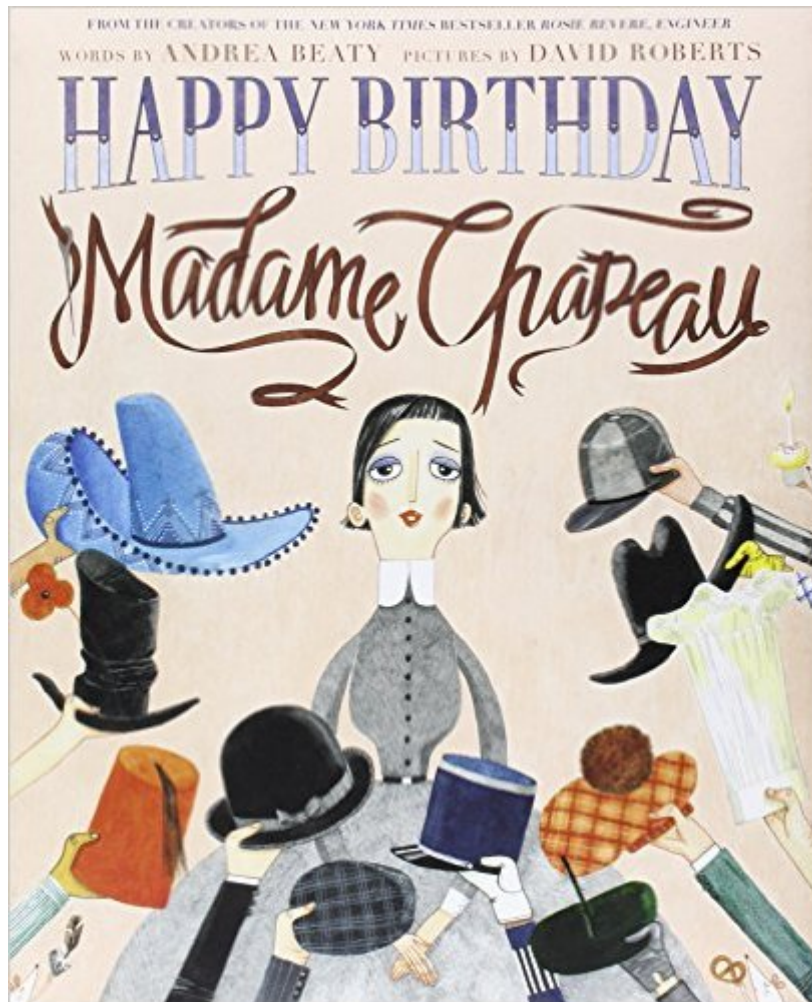


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# Happy Birthday, Madame Chapeau



## Synopsis

In a three-story house with a shop down below, lived the world's finest hat maker, Madame Chapeau. Like the Lady herself, all her hats were refined. Brilliantly singular. One of a kind. So begins the tale of a lonely hat maker who matches customers to the perfect hat but lacks her own perfect match in life. Once a year, on her birthday, Madame Chapeau ventures out in her favorite bonnet to dinner. This time, a crow snatches her hat and flies away. Mon dieu! As she chases the crow through the streets of Paris, a baker, a policeman, a cowboy, and others offer her their own hats to wear. None of them are quite right, though, until one special little girl offers her a hat "knitted with love and [her] best birthday wish." From the bestselling team behind *Iggy Peck, Architect* and *Rosie Revere, Engineer* comes this delightful and very stylish story about love, community, and friendship, with some fancy hats thrown in for good measure. Praise for *Happy Birthday, Madame Chapeau* "Beaty carries the bounces and lilt to the very last page. Roberts's colorful, exaggerated hats (many of which are modeled on real designs) whimsically adorn the multicultural Parisian public." --Kirkus Reviews

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## Customer Reviews

Another hit by Andrea Beaty and illustrator David Roberts! Any fans of *Iggy Peck, Architect* or *Rosie Revere, Engineer* will instantly love this book. *Happy Birthday Madame Chapeau* is a tale about the kindness of strangers and friendship. It contains the same whimsy, heart-felt message, and

amazing illustrations as all other Andrea Beaty books. Superbly written, Andrea Beaty never disappoints. My 4-year old daughter just loves her books and they are equally fun for the parents to read! Happy Birthday Madame Chapeau is a must have for any library!

A good book for children is a good book for anyone. And this is a good book. The illustrations are beyond charming and imaginative. For those who believe in reading aloud to one's young ones, this is a perfect fit. The rhymes are smooth and clever, and the vocabulary level will offer moments for discussion/explanation. If your library doesn't have this book, buy one for them!

One of the best children's books out right now. Fun to read, the kids LOVE it. I've given it several times as gifts, and always hear back from the parents on how much they love it. I wait and wait for this author/illustrator combo to create more books!

I fell in love with Madame Chapeau by page three as I became entranced by the lovely, rhyming text. This book is so much fun to read aloud! The rhythm is seamless and there are no rhyming miscues in this fun story of a lonely hat maker who discovers that she has many more friends than she originally thought. Madame Chapeau is a striking figure from the top of her head to her high heeled shoes, and any young reader will be taken in by her couture and her expressive features. The cast of characters that arrive to help Madame Chapeau with her hat-less predicament are quite the assortment and will likely prompt much discussion of jobs and the hats that go with them. The author's keen eye for design is on full display here as she makes good use of white space and provides plenty of small details that will guarantee lots of requests for repeat reads. Madame Chapeau is an excellent choice for any preschool and early elementary collection. I can't wait to try this out with my next group of kindergarten age story listeners, as I think that this is the perfect age for this well written tale of kindness and community,

This book is fantastic. On the surface, it is the story of a lonely hatmaker who loses her special birthday hat and is offered hats to try on from many different people (cowboy, policeman, chef, etc.). At the end of the story, a little girl offers a homemade knit hat and they ostensibly become friends. However, on a deeper level, there is an interesting back story to imagine about Madame Chapeau. Small clues are given in the illustrations to suggest that she was once married to a soldier who has perhaps died in the war. At the beginning of the book she eats dinner alone but the table is set for two. At the end of the book, she is using the teacup that was once set for her husband. I think the

story is about overcoming loss on a very superficial level (the hat) but also about dealing with grief and the loss of something profound (a husband). Our family has enjoyed reading this book over and over. The poem has a good flow, and we've enjoyed all of the French words to read out loud. My daughter (three) likes to figure out which hat belongs to which person, and is learning the names of different hats (stetson, fez, bowler, etc.).

Beautiful illustrations, adorable story. My 2 and 5 yr old kids love it and I don't mind reading it over and over :) Be sure to pick up Iggy Peck Architect and Rosie Revere Engineer too. Same author and also great books!

This a well written story and if paired with somebody loves you mr hatch will be great to teach the comparing and contrasting between two texts. Both books involve lonely people who find friends in their neighborhood, but you can go deeper with their characters.

We love Andrea Beaty in our house. I bought "Rosie Revere, Engineer" for my 5 year old daughter and she loved it so much, that we bought this one, as well. Not only does my 5 year old daughter love it, but my almost 7 year old (2nd grade) son also loves these books. Highly recommended!

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