Whose Knees Are These?
Synopsis

Takes a loving look at knees from the vantage point of a mother's lap.

Book Information

Board book: 24 pages
Publisher: LB Kids (March 1, 2006)
Language: English
ISBN-10: 0316735760
Product Dimensions:  6 x 0.5 x 6 inches
Shipping Weight: 10.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)
Average Customer Review: 4.8 out of 5 stars  (View all reviews) (77 customer reviews)
Best Sellers Rank: #20,174 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #60 in Books > Children's Books > Geography & Cultures > Multicultural Stories > African-American #200 in Books > Children's Books > Activities, Crafts & Games > Games #450 in Books > Children's Books > Early Learning > Basic Concepts
Age Range: 1 - 3 years
Grade Level: Preschool and up

Customer Reviews

When I saw "Whose knees are these" I scooped it up just because I was so excited to see knees that looked like my son's on the cover of a book. Andrew absolutely adores this book and takes it everywhere. He's 14 months and loves showing mommy, daddy and grandparents his knees all the time now. I want every book by Jabari Asim now... and I thank God that someone is writing board books for black babies.

I was so happy to hear of this book on the NYTimes book review and see board books (along with partner book Whose Toes are Those) written for African American toddlers. My son is 18 months old and this is his favorite book! He carries it everywhere and forces me to read it over and over and over and over at bedtime.

Jabari Asim has created a wonderful board book featuring characters of color that centers around, you guessed it, knees. The story starts with a question, that is sure to give a sense of mystery and intrigue to even the youngest of readers; "Whose knees are these?" Throughout the book, which is
filled with fun illustrations, readers follow along until the narrator finally figures out to whom the mysterious knees belong. **WHOSE KNEES ARE THESE** is an engaging celebration of individuality. The fun, rhyming language, and the overall simplicity of the story itself make it perfect for the target age group. In addition to celebrating uniqueness, the book promotes body awareness, introduces the concept of left and right, and encourages positive self-image and familial bonds. Toddlers, who often enjoy reading the same book over and over, can quickly pick up the book’s content, and may even choose to "read" it to their parents. Reviewed by Stacey Seay of The RAWSISTAZ Reviewers

Cute simple book. I bought for my 2 year old nephew, who has brown skin, because it’s so important for kids to see images that mirror themselves in books. I really believe it helps instill a positive self image, and helps child not to feel like an "other" or token. The book isn’t about race, it’s about knees! My daughter enjoyed the book as well. I also bought whose toes are those for her and it’s one of her favorites. The book uses cute rhyming and simple vocab and it’s great for toddler to early elementary age, and it’s a durable board book. Both my nephew and daughter choose the book to be read to them over others often, so I really believe they feel like the book is about them. The little girl in the "Whose Toes Are Those" book is a brown biracial girl, like my daughter, but again it would be suitable for any child, as it’s not about race. If you are looking for a book that will look like your dear brown skinned Asian, African, or Hispanic girl that book would be great.

It can be challenging to find children’s books depicting multi-racial/dark skinned children. We strive to provide a wide array of skin tones for our children in their toys and books. Whose Knees Are These is perfect. Cute rhymes. Fun pictures. And an enjoyable story for both my children (1 and 4 years old). Similarly beautiful and worthy of adding to your collection is Whose Toes Are Those by the same author. Perfection!

When I read a picture book to a child, I want the-child-in-the-book to be the same gender and color as the child I am reading to. I already had Jabari Asim’s book, "Whose Toes Are Those?" which features a black, female child, whimsically illustrated by LeUyen Pham. I was hoping that Asim/Pham’s book, "Whose Knees Are These?" would feature a black, male child -- and it does. I am happy to add "Whose Knees Are These?" to my library of picture books for young children.

My grandson liked this book. He is 31/2 yrs old. I’m not sure why the author chose knees to focus on but that’s okay. It’s a fun little book. It touches on understanding "left" and "right" concept; left
knee, right knee. This can lead to a conversation about other parts of the body where there is a "right" and "left".

we love this book for our daughter. she seems interested when we read it and she likes flipping the pages. the title is so catchy i find myself saying it to her often. when i put her in her carseat i say "whose knees are these?" and kiss her knees and she just smiles. i recommend this book. i have whose toes are those? too.

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