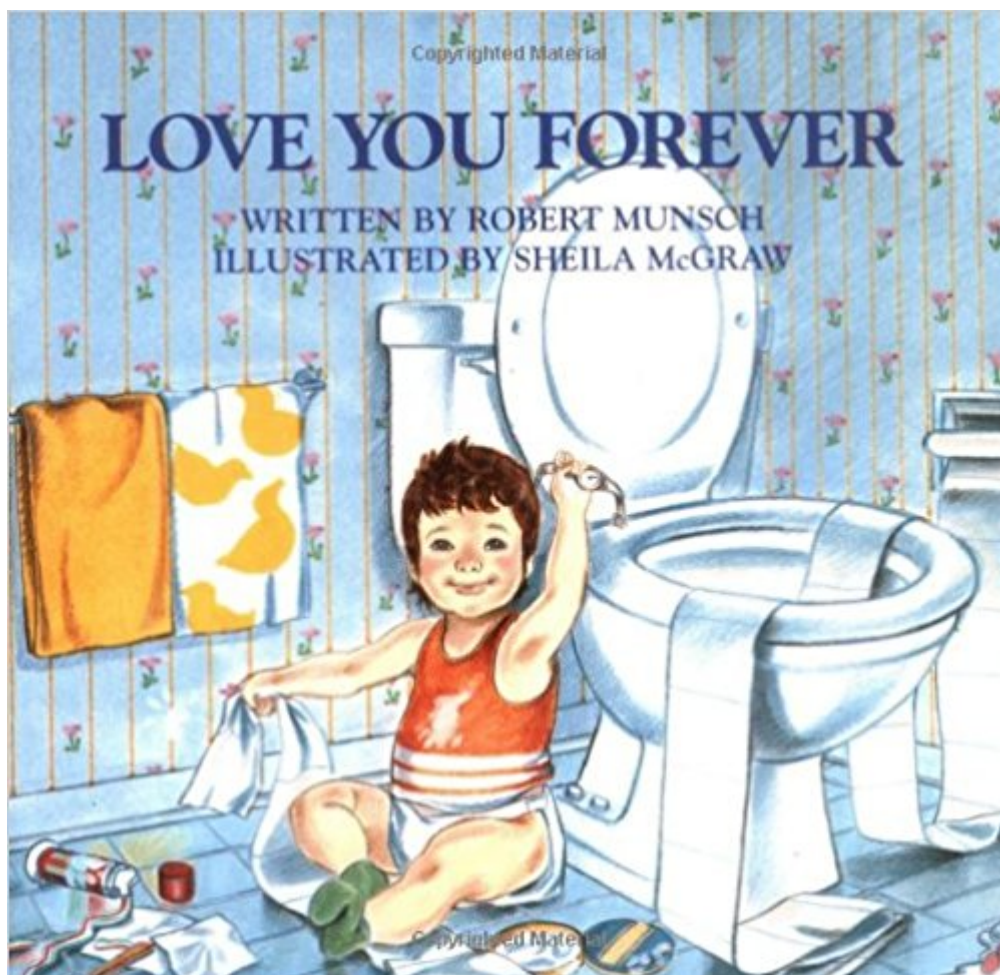


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# Love You Forever



## Synopsis

A young woman holds her newborn son and looks at him lovingly. Softly she sings to him: "I'll love you forever I'll like you for always As long as I'm living My baby you'll be." So begins the story that has touched the hearts of millions worldwide. Since publication in 1986, *Love You Forever* has sold more than 15 million copies in paperback and the regular hardcover edition (as well as hundreds of thousands of copies in Spanish and French)

## Book Information

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The mother sings to her sleeping baby: "I'll love you forever / I'll love you for always / As long as I'm living / My baby you'll be." She still sings the same song when her baby has turned into a fractious 2-year-old, a slovenly 9-year-old, and then a raucous teen. So far so ordinary--but this is one persistent lady. When her son grows up and leaves home, she takes to driving across town with a ladder on the car roof, climbing through her grown son's window, and rocking the sleeping man in the same way. Then, inevitably, the day comes when she's too old and sick to hold him, and the roles are at last reversed. Each stage is illustrated by one of Sheila McGraw's comic and yet poignant pastels. (Ages 4 to 8) --Richard Farr --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

There are certain books about a parent's unconditional love for a child that are timeless--and this is one of them. (Baltimore's Child 2010-01-20) One of my all-time favorites. I cry every time I read it....

[The book] is a beautiful script about parenthood, a poignant parable about life and death, a testimony to when the roles of child and parent become blurry. The story reminds you that no matter how grown up you are, you're always someone's child; that no matter how "adult" you are, you're never too old to be loved by your parents. It makes me appreciate even more how my mother still calls me and my brother (despite us being 32- and 22-years-old, respectively) by our childhood nicknames, Pussycat and Tchotchke (Yiddish for "knickknack"). Pigeonholing this as a children's book is like saying "Romeo & Juliet" is merely a cautionary tale about drug abuse. I dare anyone to read this story and not shed at least one tear by the end. It's even more poignant when you learn that Munsch wrote the book as a memorial to two still-born children he and his wife had in 1979 and 1980. (Dana Lenetz Forbes 2010-04-20)Our No. 1 Favorite, 50 Great Children's Books (Susan Belkapp, Maggie Beidelman and Craig Reem OC Family)The one book that has the most meaning to me. (David Maloof Boston Globe 2002-09-15)There is a powerful, age-old resonance to the story, centered on that intangible, steadfast bond between mother and child. (Shelley Fralic National Post 2006-05-15)No one can read this without the tears falling. (Sharon Owen Madera Tribune 2003-05-08)The best of Munsch's many storybooks... it'll give you a new song to sing... and maybe a bit of perspective down the road. (Leanne Dohy Calgary Herald 2003-09-25)The starting point for a first-rate library for your grandchildren... a tender ode to the life cycle of a family. (John Lownsborough Outlook Magazine)Sentimental story that has long been a favorite gift at baby showers. (Karen T.Bilton Bridgewater Courier News 2005-04-26)This best-selling classic of a parent's enduring love is available in a gift edition: slipcased with a laminated box and a clothbound book. (BookPage)A humorous, sentimental page-turner that rarely -- let's say never -- leaves a reader with a dry eye. (Gayle MacDonald Globe and Mail 2005-12-01)Robert Munsch's beloved tale is gentle affirmation of the love a parent feels for her child -- forever. Nurtured by the unconditional love of his parent, a boy grows happily through the stages of childhood to become, in turn, a loving adult. (BookPage 2008-01-04)#5 on Instructor's "Teachers Pick the Top 50 Kids Books Ever", chosen by 200 teachers, authors, and children's literature experts. (Instructor 2006-11-01)My children and I enjoyed it, night after night, for years... It is a charmer. The simple story touches the heart. (Jeith L. Runyon Louisville Courier-Journal 2005-11-13)This book is beyond emotional. I dare any mother out there, or any child with an aging parent, to read this story and not have a lump in your throat... Should definitely be apart of your child's book collection. (community.cafelibri.com 2010-07-01)

My mother has sang this to me many years ago: "I'll love you

forever. I'll like you for always. As long as I'm living. My baby you'll be. Time went by but it didn't take my memories away. I still remember that it always made my mother burst into tears. Now I have a baby and she regularly reads it at bedtime. If I was not a mother, I wouldn't realize the deep love No matter where you go, what you are doing, how you change, there is always one person who silently cares about you and pays close attention to your surroundings.

Great book one of my favorites

I read this book to my granddaughter from birth until preteen while I rocked her before bed. Yes, every single night. When she got too big to be rocked she still wanted this book read to her before bed because it was something we had always done. This is another book that children grow up with, they will remember and brings memories back when they read it to their little ones. You will find yourself singing the song that the Mother sings to her baby, then young boy as he grows into a man. When the Mother becomes frail and the boy who is now a man comes and picks up his Mother, rocks her gently back and forth and sings I'll like you always I'll love you forever my Mother you'll be... It's such a wonderful book.

Love You Forever is a book that has been recommended to me for the last couple of years, and I finally bought a copy. It is a really sweet book and very appealing to young children. My 2.5 year old loves it and asks me to "sing love you" every evening now. After just a couple of readings, the book has sparked a sweet ritual with us. My one criticism is that the page where the woman drives across town with a ladder to her grown son's house and creeps into his window to rock him is really just a little weird. I get that this is a book for very young children and meant to assure them that Mommy will love them forever and ever...but I do my best to skip that page with my daughter. Meanwhile, of course, like just about everyone, I can't get through the end without crying (Spoiler alert: after several times during the boy growing up and the mother rocking him and singing how she'll love him forever, the Mother is old and sick, so the son goes to her and sings the same song to her...it is so very precious). All in all, love the book, as does my toddler. It provides a great intro for me to talk about love with my daughter while she is young.

I received copies of this book as baby gifts for each of my two children. I love it! Such a wonderful story of motherhood and the love between a parent and child that passes from one generation to

the next. I almost always include this as part of my gift for baby showers.

I've loved this book for what seemed forever BUT I love it more knowing my oldest daughter loves reading it just as much as I do.

This book never fails to make me all cry. That, or someone is cutting onions nearby anytime it's read to my son!! lolThe ending is a bit creepy, with his elderly mother sneaking into her grown son's house to snuggle him, but the underlying sentiment is sweet.

I enjoy reading this book,cit goes to show how much the mom takes care of her son and when the tables turn he takes care of her and then passes the value down to his own child. Death is a very normal part of life. And for children to have some sort of understanding on how children feel when they lose a loved one is good subject to talk about. Death is not always a bad thing, yes it hurts us left behind but sometimes a person suffering is way worse. When my gram passed away I was heartbroken but relieved she didn't have to live in the hospital any more. So anyways it's all in what you get out of this book. Also with the mom going through the window it just shows that moms will go to end of the world and back for their child. I know I would. I like this book. Baby didn't sit still long so I believe it could be more for a five + year old but who knows. We are all entitled to our own opinions.

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