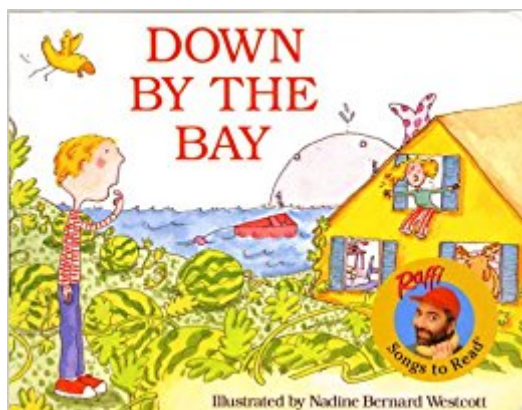


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# Down By The Bay (Raffi Songs To Read)



## Synopsis

A classic silly song that toddlers know and love, *Down by the Bay* has been a favorite and best-selling Raffi Songs to Read/reg/ since it was first published in 1988. In this friendly board book edition, irresistible art by Nadine Bernard Westcott depicts wonderfully amusing creatures such as a bear combing his hair, a goose kissing a moose, and a whale with a polka-dot tail. Very young children will find this book both entertaining and instructive in early language skills such as rhyme, rhythm, and repetition, and will delight in hearing it read or sung aloud to them.

## Book Information

Series: Raffi Songs to Read

Board book: 32 pages

Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers (March 2, 1999)

Language: English

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Product Dimensions: 5.2 x 0.7 x 6.8 inches

Shipping Weight: 12 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.6 out of 5 stars 141 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #4,703 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #29 in [Books > Children's Books > Early Learning > Poetry](#) #38 in [Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Family Life > Parents](#) #64 in [Books > Children's Books > Literature & Fiction > Poetry](#)

Age Range: Baby - 3 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

## Customer Reviews

In this Songs to Read series, music and lyrics to songs by the popular Canadian entertainer are highlighted by cheery colorful illustrations. Ages 3-7. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the School & Library Binding edition.

PreSchool-Grade 2 Raffi's popular songs are now available in picture book format. In the first, his cheerful nonsense verses are illustrated with equal cheer. Westcott's scraggly lines and bright, clear colors humorously portray the busy children, jolly animals, and frantic mothers that populate the song. The final two-page spread includes all of the characters, some visible through the house windows, and watermelon vines galore. Music (melody line, with chords marked) is included.

Children will quickly get the idea of the rhymes and delight in making up their own wacky sights to be seen ``down by the bay." In the second book, the sign on the title page warns that ``silly animals" are lurking in the Mariposa forest, and silly they are. As night settles over the woodlands, the animals appear and begin to ``shake their sillies out" in a manic attempt to get to sleep. They overrun nearby Camp Mariposa and are happily cavorting with the campers until everyone tires and goes to sleep. Allender's large, simple shapes and saturated colors create vivid images for a song that begs to be sung and shaken and jumped and clapped. Melody line and chords are included in both books so everyone can join in the fun. Two good choices for storytimes, especially on those days when no one can sit still. Elaine Fort Weischedel, Turner Free Library, Randolph, Mass. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the School & Library Binding edition.

Got this and all the other sing-along books I could find because my toddler loves to sing them. Worth it for the variety and to be able to sing something other than Miss Mary Mack 20 times a day.

More to the point, the baby loves it. Happy baby is relaxed parents. I hate that there are entire days I can't get this song out of my head, and have spent months toeing the line of insanity due to it, but if it stops the baby from crying, it's all good.

Love the song and my grandson can read along since this is his favorite song

Fun to read to my two year old and four year old. They both seem intrigued and giggle at the story. Can be read or sung.

A classic favorite song from my childhood that I can share with my children in book form. This is another great "Songs to Read" book from Raffi (and is not our first and probably won't be our last). Down by the bay features silly lyrics by Raffi and unique illustrations. My Toddler enjoys having this book sung to him, or just looking through pages of illustrations on his own. The board book is sturdy and a good size for toddlers to handle on their own.

Youngest grandchildren love when I sing this and like that they can now follow along, pretending to read it to me. Chunky book it great for small hands and will last a while. Very satisfied with this purchase.

Bought for my almost 2 year old and he really likes it

Super cute. One year old loves singing and reading, so this is a big hit. I will be ordering others in the series.

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