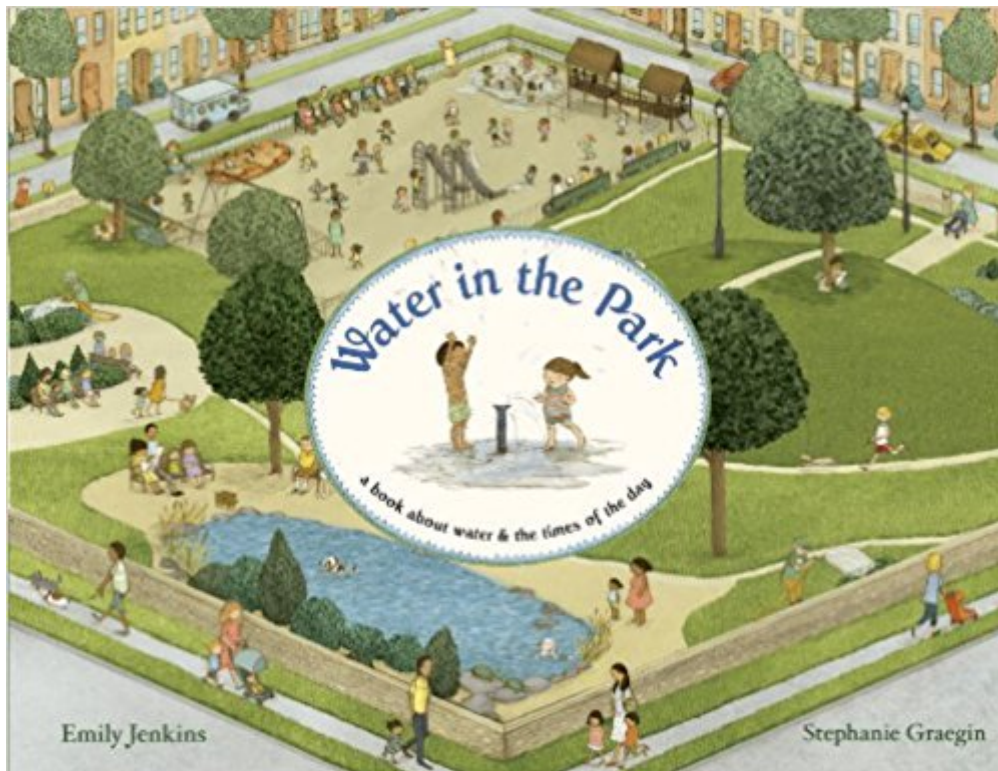




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# Water In The Park: A Book About Water And The Times Of The Day



## Synopsis

“A wonderfully fresh look at a timeless topic,” raves Booklist in a starred review. From the first orange glow on the water in the pond, to the last humans and animals running home from an evening rain shower, here is a day-in-the-life of a city park, and the playground within it. A rhythmic text and sweet, accessible images will immerse parents, toddlers, and young children in the summer season and the community within a park. Seasoned picture book readers may notice Emily Jenkins’s classic inspirations for this book: Alvin Tresselt’s Caldecott Medal-winning *White Snow, Bright Snow*, illustrated by Roger Duvoisin, and Charlotte Zolotow’s *The Park Book*, illustrated by H. A. Rey.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 2-A catalog of ordinary events that occur in a park between sunrise and sunset, these scenarios involve dogs, babies, ice-cream trucks, gardeners, and, yes, water. It runs out of a fountain for two tots on a playdate, swirls around the ankles of wading dogs, and falls from the sky in gray sheets. Graegin’s warm, natural palette brings out delightful details in the mundane and attempts to elevate the plodding text to something more than a list. But when the sun finally sets on the park, readers’ thirst for a story might be left decidedly unquenched.-Jenna Boles,

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**\*Starred Review\*** It's a hot day at the city park, a pleasant green oasis of open space, play equipment, and water. The jacket illustration offers a bird's-eye view of the pond, hill, playground, and flower beds, areas that will be seen again and again from different angles. Around six o'clock in the morning, several dogs and their people head for the pond. By seven, two babies and their grown-ups have arrived at the playground. Hour by hour throughout the day, visitors come and go. In the crowded playground at ten o'clock, a sprinkler in a shallow pool amuses toddlers, while older kids line up at the drinking fountain for water to fill their water balloons, to wet the sand for sand castles, and to cool the slide. While the quiet text creates a satisfying, structured narrative full of details that will intrigue young children, they will also be engaged by the inviting pictures. Using digitally assembled pencil drawings and ink washes, Graegin creates illustrations with a traditional look and plenty of human interest. The park within the book becomes a destination that a child can visit and revisit, noticing new details each time and connecting familiar ones in new ways. A wonderfully fresh look at a timeless topic. **Preschool-Grade 2.** --Carolyn Phelan

My daughter (2 years old) and I love this book. She often picks it from the book shelf herself. There is so much for her to look at in the beautiful illustrations. I highly recommend it!!

My 4-year-old loves this book, and so do I. A great concept, fun writing, beautifully executed. The drawings are so cute and richly detailed, there so much to look at! I love fun books about real things that are interesting for adults as well as kids.

Beautifully written and so many wonderful details in the illustrations.

This is an easy read with fun pictures for kids to study, and perfect for those who love NYC in the summer!

I bought this book for my 2-year-old son. We have a challenging time finding books with characters and settings that he can relate to; most books have talking cars or driving fish. For variety we are also always on the lookout for books that are not about trucks or trains or other modes of

transportation. This is a beautifully written and illustrated book about something as simple and relatable as summer days at the park. My son loves it and we have read it every day at least once a day for the last month. If you are looking for fantasy, this book is not for you.

This book really captures park life in NYC / densely populated area where parks are the primary outdoor experience for tykes. 4 1/2 yo loved reading about a life she knows well, recognized the various characters from her real-life experiences. Lovely format, a day in the life of a park, covers everyone's interests. But most urban parks don't allow people to wade in with turtles! so there are some elements of fantasy. Illustrations are gorgeous and have a primitive (flattened perspective) quality that invited her into the story.

The prose (there's no plot) is so gentle and sweet--it provides a lot to talk about, and it doesn't tell you how you should think or feel about anything. (After we read a book through a few times, we then read it more slowly and talk about the words and pictures.) The artwork is simple but very good, with lots of detail to find and consider. Overall, though, it's just sweet and mellow and unassuming. We love it.

Somewhat crowded pictures, of course that is a matter of taste. Bad pictures of babies. My son kept on asking why do they have faces like that?

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