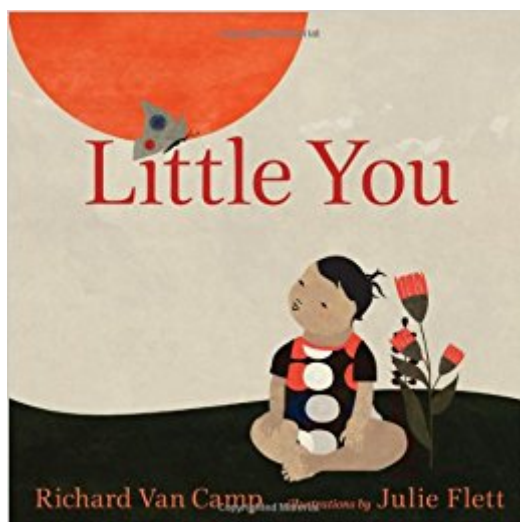


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# Little You



## Synopsis

Richard Van Camp, internationally renowned storyteller and bestselling author of the hugely successful *Welcome Song for Baby: A Lullaby for Newborns*, has partnered with award-winning illustrator Julie Flett to create a tender board book for babies and toddlers that celebrates the potential of every child. With its delightful contemporary illustrations, *Little You* is perfect to be shared, read or sung to all the little people in your life—•and the new little ones on the way!

## Book Information

Board book: 24 pages

Publisher: Orca Book Publishers; Brdbk edition (April 1, 2013)

Language: English

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Product Dimensions: 7 x 0.6 x 7 inches

Shipping Weight: 11.2 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.7 out of 5 stars 24 customer reviews

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Age Range: 2 - 3 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

PreS-This tender celebration of babies features gentle rhymes and warm, understated illustrations. The six couplets combine direct language: "Let's all dance/let's all sing" with more poetic imagery: "Little wish/Gentle thunder." The art has the look of cut paper, with distinct lines and pleasingly curved shapes. It depicts the same child, at home and out in nature. Some scenes show the youngster alone, others with one or both parents. Eschewing the overt cuteness often seen in board books, the artist captures the toddler's joy in subtle, but tangible images, from a smiling face looking up at butterflies to the wisp of hair that blows just like the father's as the two watch fish from a canoe. The family feels real and specific, and the message ("You are the birth of everything true") will resonate with all readers.-Steven Engelfried, Wilsonville Public Library, OR (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution

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Both the language and artwork is sophisticated in this board book that welcomes a new child into the world and explains how important he or she is to their parents. Ultimately, it does not matter whether the listening toddler understands every word. There is a smoothness and softness to both the message and the rhythm of the text, to which little ones will respond: “You are life / and breath adored. You are us / and so much more.” The collage-style art featuring an Asian family has a warm elegance that parents will enjoy and whimsical touches that will appeal to children. Preschool. --Ilene Cooper

I was given this as a gift at my daughter's baby shower and it has become an instant favorite! The story is so sweet and the artwork is lovely; I am very picky about children's books but I enthusiastically recommend this one. Not too many words per page, which is nice when one is dealing with a toddler who loves to turn pages :) I've probably gifted a dozen copies of this and the recipient always raves ...

My 15 month-old daughter loves this book. The illustrations are well done and provide a nice variety in her book collection. The story is sweet and the writing is right on target for her age and when she's a little older she will easily be able to learn this book. I also like that it features an Asian family. My daughter is 1/4 Japanese, and she has diverse buddies in school and our neighborhood, so I'm always keeping my eyes peeled for good diverse children's books.

We chose this book as part of our nightly bedtime routine that we began as soon as our daughter was born. We always read her Little You right before we put her in the crib. She's nearly a year old and I never tire of the lyricism or the sweet illustrations. There are some very nice visual touches, such as the mom's toe peeking out of her sock as she dances the baby across the room. We usually give this book to new parents as a reprieve from cutesy farm animal and other mainstays in the children's library canon.

Beautifully written. Gentle and easy to read. Sweet how the lines rhyme. Great for new parents and babies.

We found this book at our library and had to buy our own copy because it was such a hit. I love

reading it and looking at the illustrations. My 15 month old loves it too and loves point out the animals. The words are sweet and loving and not too many per page for kids with short attention spans. The dad has a dark beard like my husband's, so it's an extra bonus.

I took my one year old Grand daughter to the toddler section of our public library and she grabbed this book and sat down to look at the pictures. The illustrations are charming and eye catching. While simple, I think that a small child can follow the story without being read to. I checked it out for my Grand daughter and realized that my 18 month old Grandson who lives in another state might like it too. So as a special Grandma treat, I ordered this book and sent it to him! Now he can enjoy it too.

I originally found this at my local library when my baby was just a month old. The book was so touching I had to get my own copy. Now 14 months later I still love it and so does my toddler. It's short for those nights when we need a quick storytime but the pictures are interesting enough we can spend longer when we have the time. Added bonus (may not be true for all kids): the second I start reading it my toddler starts to calm down no matter how fussy.

What a way with words! The author does a great job at expressing just how wondrous it is to have this little human who is made up of the stuff of you.

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