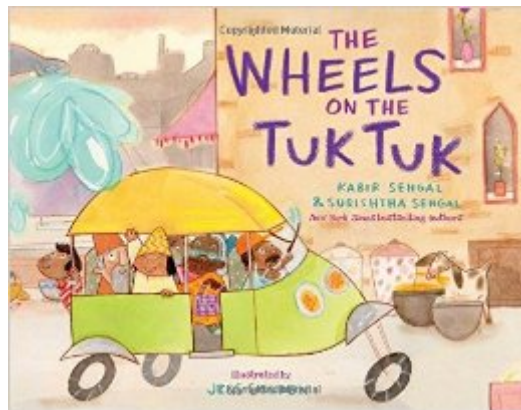


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The Wheels On The Tuk Tuk



Synopsis

From the mother-son duo behind the New York Times bestselling *A Bucket of Blessings* comes a zany picture book about a wild ride on a tuk tuk taxi in India! This picture book brings an international twist to the beloved nursery rhyme, *The Wheels on the Bus*, by bringing you aboard a busy three-wheeled taxi in India! Anything can happen as the tuk tuk rolls through town—from an elephant encounter to a tasty treat to a grand fireworks display. And in the midst of all the action, one thing's for sure: passengers young and old love every minute of their exciting ride as the wheels of the tuk tuk go round and round!

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Customer Reviews

Summary: The familiar "Wheels on the Bus" gets an Indian spin as a somewhat wild and crazy tuk tuk driver (wala) weaves his way through a busy Indian town, transporting all kinds of people in his three-wheeled vehicle. Readers (and singers) are introduced Indian rupees, poppa-doppa-doms, chai tea, Diwali, and elephants and cows in the streets. The author's note explains their own experiences on a tuk tuk, and a glossary explains some of the unfamiliar words from the song. Pros: A familiar song is used as a vehicle (pardon the pun) for a fun introduction to the sights and sounds of India. The busy illustrations give kids plenty to look at, and everyone on and around the tuk tuk seems to be having a wonderful time.

What a delightful way to introduce very young children, especially those who do not yet know how to read, to the pleasures of books and travel! Like its predecessor, "Bucket of Blessing," is lavishly illustrated and set in an exotic (at least for US kids) locale, making it fun for anyone to see and leaf through. It also draws on a familiar nursery song to acquaint them with the fun and color of street life in an Indian town. I couldn't resist singing the narrative myself! And if the kids want to know what a "Wala" man is, there is a brief glossary of unfamiliar terms at the end. A perfect entry from a mother and son team who really understand what children like and how they learn.

As a grandmother of four, I particularly appreciate books which expand the horizons of my grandchildren and provide opportunities for us to look at a map or talk about other cultures. *Wheels on the Tuk Tuk* is just such a treasure. Kabir and Surishtha Sehgal adapt the familiar rhythm of wheels on the bus for a rollicking adventure thru a town in India where Tuk Tuk passengers squish in together as the bobble bobbling wheels grind to a stop in front of a cow. Passengers eat poppa doppa doms and enjoy fireworks and elephants. The beautiful illustrations by Jess Golden transport readers to another world and this world sure can use more children who appreciate other cultures from an early age.

A take off on the wheels on the bus song set in India. It's a great way for children to be proud of their heritage and for others to learn about India. The pictures are fun with a lot of activity going on. From an arm's perspective the repetition makes it a great story for young readers.

Another winner from Kabir and Sue Sehgal. The children in my family love to read and be read to and this book is not only a pleasure for them but for me, too. The graphics are interesting as is the story. It's rare to find a book that has a positive message at the same time as introducing a different culture to young readers. I love traveling and appreciate the opportunity to introduce my granddaughter to the idea of different countries with different traditions. Great read!

What a warm, fun and yummy cosmopolitan delight! This book should be considered by Preschools and parents alike, who are keen for their children to "globally explore" the world around them. And for those who like fun, just imagine how young student enactments could really bring this story to life! Just one small comment- I would personally have liked to see even more vibrant colors, but the flavor is readily found in this simple but satisfying twist on the *Wheels on the Bus*. Worth the purchase. Five full stars!

I saw the author read *Wheels on the Tuk Tuk* to my son and his classmates and the impact on the kids and their obvious engagement and enjoyment was great to see. I think the book cleverly marries the popular kids song with something ubiquitous in Mumbai and many other cities in Asia to link cultures in a fun way. Great if you want to give your kids a multicultural fun view to life.

This delightful book is just perfect for sharing with children and grandchildren, especially if you like to read along with or to them. It's a lively story filled with colorful illustrations that bring home some of what India is. I've had numerous requests to "read with me again" and, perhaps even better, questions about the culture and life in India for children.

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