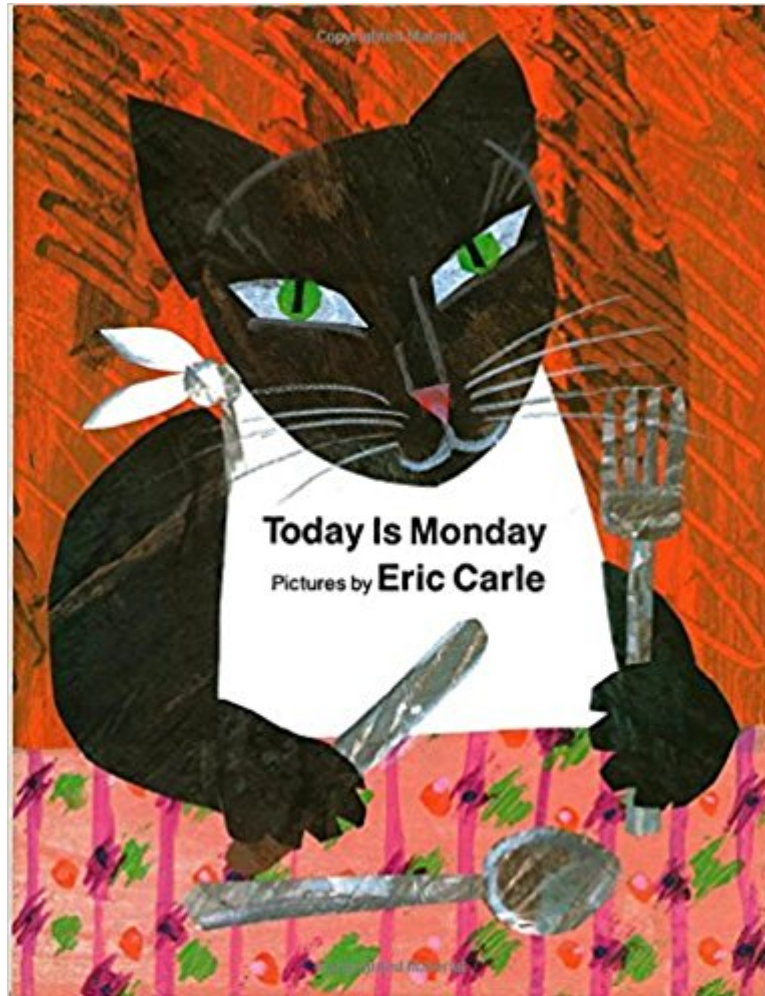




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Today Is Monday



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Synopsis

String beans, spaghetti, ZOOOOP, roast beef, fresh fish, chicken and ice cream are the delicious fare during the week in this popular children's song. Until Sunday. Then, all the world's children are invited to come together and share in the meal. Celebrated artist Eric Carle brings new energy to these much-loved verses as lively animals parade across the page, munching on favorite dishes, and introducing young readers to the names of the days of the week. Both art and song invite children to join in the procession and sing along.

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

Taking his culinary cue from the well-known children's song, Carle dishes up a smorgasbord of creatures and comestibles. Bold spreads feature larger-than-life birds and animals enthusiastically partaking of their favorite foods: a mottled snake sucks up unruly spaghetti strands, while a calico cat lays a protective paw on Thursday's roast beef. Though the cumulative rhyme is little more than a grocery list, Carle injects energy and movement with his signature rainbow-like collages. Exotic hues--a turquoise elephant, an emerald fish, a parrot of Technicolor plumage--glow with vitality as if illuminating the animal's inner core. Yet despite their radiance these are down-to-earth animals imbued with the loving clumsiness of a child's artwork. The final spread shows children--also of various skin colors--wolfing down the various foods at a sumptuous banquet, as the featured

animals look on from paintings on the wall. The song's music and lyrics bring this feast to a satisfying close. Ages 3-7. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.

PreSchool-Grade 3-- Featuring the artist's familiar bold and colorful style, this song was originally illustrated as a frieze in 1977. Now adapted as a picture book, it is a joyous invitation to "all the hungry children"--shown at a multiethnic banquet at the end of the book--to ". . . Come and eat it up!" Each double-page spread shows a line from the song, with a different animal for each day of the week, eating a different food. Most of the animals are eating a predictable food (a fox with a chicken, a pelican with a fish), but there are some nonsensical scenes (a snake with spaghetti, an elephant eating "zoop"). Overall, the verse has a catchy, cumulative rhythm, but it's the dazzling illustrations--gorgeously displayed with a mastery of design and form--that make this a simple, yet memorable, picture book. --Cyrisse Jaffee, Newton Public Schools, MA Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Love, love, love Eric Carle! Bought this to go with my Eric Carle collection. My students love the song and we use the rhythm of the words to tap on the drums.

Eric Carle is so genius! I love all his works. My kids grew up reading his books. This book is great for kids who are just starting to learn the days of the week.

This book makes Monday better. Mr. Carle is a master story teller and illustrator and any classroom or personal library is richer by having his work in it.

I have always loved this song/story and it can be changed to a child's favorite foods to make it even more fun. Still a winner!

I had this book for my son who is now 23 years old. Well, a slightly different version that is no longer sold. I sent this to my sweet Grand-Nephew. This is a big book with face friendly, colorful pictures. I would read it to my boy in the morning to think about what day it is. I have a more detailed review of the nearly identical book which is now out of print. (Today Is Monday/a Song Book and Wall Frieze: A Song Book and Wall Frieze by Susan Baum)

love the drawings and the song- I didn't know this song before- what a classic

I bought the board book format and my 20 month old grand-daughter (who has many, many Eric Carle books) has added it to her library. Eric Carle does it again - naming the days of the week and food items - Monday-string beans, Tuesday-spaghetti, Wednesday -zoop, etc. Right after hearing Wednesday, she'd say "zoop", giggle and chuckle. I was overjoyed! On my last visit, we read that book 10 times!

Purchased this book for a baby shower. This is one of my own children's favorite. Check out the "Today is Monday" song (you can find it on youtube). It is very engaging, and my girls (ages 2 and 1) love to sing it while reading the book.

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