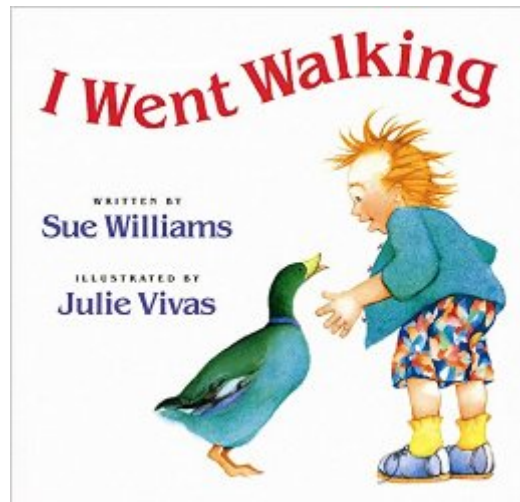


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# I Went Walking



## Synopsis

I went walking. What did you see? I saw a black cat looking at me. These catchy stanzas frolic through the Australian author Sue Williams's simple, funny read-aloud picture book that tracks a crazy-haired boy's stroll through the countryside. The boy sees a black cat, then a brown horse, then a red cow, and so on, and before he knows it, he's being trailed by the entire menagerie! The Australian illustrator Julie Vivas brings the parade to life in lovely, lively watercolors—when the pink pig looks at the boy, for example, the boy sprays off his muddy body with a hose. Big type, repetition, friendly art, clean design—and the visual guessing game created by introducing each animal only partially at first—make this beloved tale a winner at story time.

## Book Information

Age Range: 2 - 3 years

Board book: 30 pages

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Average Customer Review: 4.7 out of 5 stars— See all reviews— (64 customer reviews)

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## Customer Reviews

I discovered "I Went Walking" when I taught first grade. It was a part of their literature series early in the year. I have no children of my own and I own both the board book and the paperback edition of this book because I love the illustrations and the rhythmical quality of the text. As someone who has professionally worked with children ages 2-12, I find that this kind of text is invaluable to early readers (ages 2-7). Children can easily pick up on the patterns in the sentences and begin developing many pre-reading skills (like being able to identify the left to right movement of written sentences). To find books that your young child will want to read over and over again is a jewel in their literacy development. To find books like this that you will want to read over and over again with your child is a treasure box of time shared!

This book is so sweet. The watercolor paintings are colorful without being brash, and the child and animals are all realistic and yet stylized at the same time. I love how the child is not defined by the story as being a boy or a girl, and that it looks ambiguous enough to be either. The repetition of the story makes it easy to read and easy for an older child to learn, and yet isn't the kind of repetition that drives parents wild. As the child gets older, you can drop words and let them "fill in the blank" as they look at the pictures to identify both the animals and the animals' colors. When I was a Nanny my charge and I adored this book and read it at least a hundred times. Now that I am home with my own son, I bought the book for him and he loves it too!

Our son loves this book. In his shorthand he calls it "walking" and asks for it regularly when we sit down to read. I read a review that indicated this book is too similar to "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, etc." but I would disagree. Our son likes them both equally but they do not seem interchangeable to him (or to me for that matter). I would also echo the comment that the child character is appealingly ambiguous and could be either gender. The quality of the illustration and the story presented are delightful.

This book is cute however the text is nearly identical to E. Carle's "Brown Bear". I returned this book only because we owned the other already.

A "must have" if you have 8-36 month old!! My 14 month old daughter loves the pics and now knows every animal. Wonderful ending too!

My 2yr old really enjoys this book. It's a valuable resource for discussing the animals in the book and the colors. We enjoy the repetition and that she can be involved in helping "read" the story. It also offered us a springboard to be more observant during our nature walks, because now our daughter remembers this story and discusses with us what she sees as we walk along. The book is great when paired with Let's Go Visiting by Sue Williams, as well.

The illustrations are Beautiful, a quality often lacking in affordable board books. The animals are recognizable and lovingly rendered. Delightful, subtle changes occur on each page giving the simple story additional interest and affording opportunities for talking about the story beyond the text alone. The narrative has a nice cadence; when one is faced w/ reading books to a child repeatedly,

this is one I actually hope is chosen to be read!

My youngest toddler loves this book! He can pretend to read it as we are flipping through the pages. Its got wonderful pictures throughout and the rhythms make it easy for word recognition and memorization. I would recommend to any parent with young readers or toddlers

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