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If I Could Keep You Little



Synopsis

If I Could Keep You Little speaks straight to every parent's heart, exploring the powerful feeling of wanting your child to grow up while savoring every moment. A new favorite, this book showcases Marianne's ability to beautifully illustrate the complex emotions we all have: If I could keep you little, I'd keep you close to me. But then I'd miss you growing into who you're meant to be!

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Customer Reviews

What inspired If I Could Keep You Little? If I Could Keep you Little was created in a moment of me putting my hand on Will's head, pushing down, and saying aloud, "Oh, if I could just keep you little, I would." I immediately knew I had uttered the words on many a parent's heart and started contemplating this thought • how if we DID keep them little, we'd miss out on all the cool things ahead on our parenting journey!

"You will love this one just as much as your child will, and it also make a great gift." - A List Baby
"This book does have a great message that all parents will understand and relate to." - Dad of Divas
"It spoke to my heart... it puts thoughts that I've had a thousand times into words. A must read for all parents." - Mom Knows it All
"Marianne Richmond has crafted another adorable book that parents, grandparents, and even not so small children are sure to enjoy." - Books for Boys
"If I Could Keep You Little by Marianne Richmond is a book that understands a parent's desire to have it

both ways. While we long to keep our children babies that need us, we also want need to let them go, just a little bit at a time." - New Age Mama "If I Could Keep You Little is not only a book for children, but a great book for adults as well." - One Momma Saving Money "While I desperately want to keep my children little, I also know that I don't want to miss out on the next step. If I Could Keep You Little... sums up just about every parent's heart cry." - Empowering Mommy "If I Could Keep You Little is a beautiful book that appeals to every age. I enjoy reading it as much as my children and while, I'm able to hold back the tears now when we read it, I can't deny its message still tugs at my heart strings!" - Mommy's Memorandum "A story of all the changes that kids go through and all the milestones." - My 5 Monkeys "A really sweet book and beautifully illustrated that lets the parent know all the things he/she would be missing if their child stayed small." - Mommy Esquire Diaries "I'm not sure who liked this book better, me or the kids. The kids love the glimpse into their future and I love remembering all the little things they did as babies." - A Little of This and A Little of That "It's a beautiful reminder of what it's like to love a child." - Readaholic "We all want to keep them little." - Crazy Mind "It's 'watercolor style' drawings and phrases really speak all the thoughts and feelings I have as my kids take another step towards adulthood." - Dinker and Giggles "The repetitive text in this book makes it appealing to even the youngest of children, but the message makes it appropriate enough to put away and give it to your child as they are leaving to go away for University." - Multi-Testing Mommy "Perfectly captures that powerful feeling that parents experience as they are raising their kids - that feeling of wanting your kids to grow while greedily hanging on to every moment they are little." - Mother Nature Network --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Beloved author and illustrator MARIANNE RICHMOND has touched the lives of millions for nearly two decades through her award-winning books, greeting cards, and other gift products that offer people the most heartfelt way to connect with each other. She lives in the Minneapolis area. Visit www.mariannerichmond.com. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

I read this book to my daughter every night and we both love it. She almost 3 soon and time flies so fast that this book reminds me to always slow down and not rush our nightly reading time. We talk about how I rock her in the rocking chair and sing her to sleep when she's a baby and how she can sing on her own now that she's a little girl. We talk about how it was so much fun when we went on a plane ride to visit family. How I kiss her owies away. Overall, great book for me.

Such a sweet book! Bought it to read to my kids but also as a photography prop. Sweet story!

Got this one as a gift for a friend who is struggling with her baby growing up. It's a great reminder for parents that there are so many joys to look forward to beyond holding a little baby.

I bought this for my wife for mothers day as our son is now 18 months old. She liked how it kind of went through how a child changes and grows up. I will agree that some of the "rhyming" is kind of corny but all in all a nice sentimental book.

This book...is a must for every Mom and Dad. My son loves it and we've been reading it since he was a baby. Make you appreciate each moment that your child goes through!

I love this book, makes me want to cry!! Very cute wording and message. However my daughter does not really like it, she never request this when picking out bedtime stories.

Not what I expected, but in a good way. Very touching and sweet. My 3yo enjoys it and it does capture the feeling of wanting to keep him little, but also see him grow.

Every parents realizes their child grows up too fast. This book helps parents realize it that when your children are going through the terrible twos or the trying threes.

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