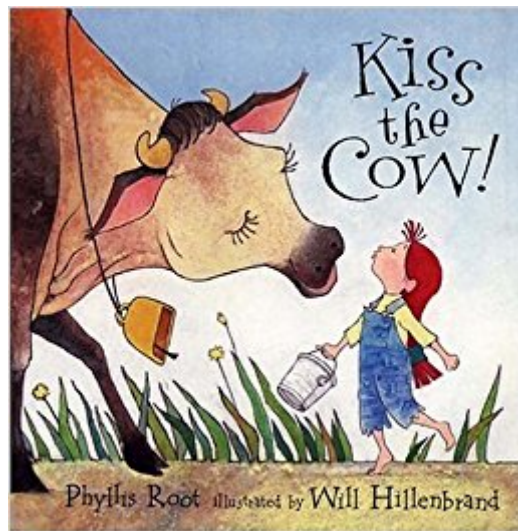


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# Kiss The Cow!



## Synopsis

"With simple language, predictable rhythms and repetition, and flawless pacing, [Rootâ€™s] story begs to be read aloud. . . . Hillenbrandâ€™s immense attention to detail is gratifying" - Kirkus Reviews (starred review) When a very curious little girl meets a cow named Luella who is even more stubborn than she is, who will be the first to back down? Phyllis Rootâ€™s spirited tall tale finds a family of countless hungry children - and a magic cow who demands a kiss on the nose to keep the sweet milk flowing.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

"Mama May lived where the earth met the sky, and her house was as wide as the prairie. It needed to be. Mama May had so many children she couldn't count them all. Among Mama May's children was one called Annalisa. She wasn't the youngest, and she wasn't the oldest, but she was the most curious and the most stubborn..." Every morning Annalisa watched as Mama May milked their cow, Luella. First she sang her magic greeting song, and Luella gave Mama all the milk she needed for her many, many children. Then she sang her thank you song, and last, but not least, she gave Luella a kiss "right on the end of her velvety, brown nose." "Ughhh!" said Annalisa. "Imagine kissing a cow!" Annalisa watch the milking day in and day out, and wondered what it would be like. Finally she just had to find out for herself. She took her pail from the sandbox and ran down to the pasture.

First she sang the greeting song, and Luella filled her pail with warm, sweet milk. Then she sang the thank you song. But when it was time to kiss the cow, Annalisa absolutely would not. The next day, when Mama May came to milk the cow, Luella was dry. No matter how much she sang and kissed, there was no milk for Mama May's children..... Phyllis Root's warm and engaging text is filled with wit and energy, and begs to be read aloud and shared. Will Hillenbrand's bright, expressive, and entertaining illustrations are filled with humor and playful, eye-catching detail. Together, word and art offer a preschool crowd-please that's sure to charm both young and old alike. With its happily-ever-after ending to set everything right once again, *Kiss The Cow* is a winner!

"Kiss the Cow" has become a favorite of my 2-year-old after a recent visit to my parent's house in VA. While there, we saw cows "up close and personal", although we did not kiss any! In this book, Annalisa is one of Mama May's many children; the most curious and most stubborn. After disobeying her mother, Annalisa milks Luella, the "magic" cow. She does not kiss her afterward, however, as is required to ensure future milk production. What happens next is a lesson in learning the consequences of your actions, without being preachy. Luella will not give milk again until Annalisa kisses her, which eventually happens after much cajoling by the children and Mama May. Phyllis Root's book "What Baby Wants" is cute, too.

This is a delightful new addition to my children's library. The illustrations are wonderfully fresh. The language is not too lengthy or involved, yet contains some wonderful descriptive references. For example, unless you are familiar with a dairy, you probably don't know that fresh cheese squeeks between your teeth. This is a book my two toddlers want to see again and again, and I can hardly wait to share it with my kindergarten class.

I got this as a library loan when my daughter was about 3. We read it a couple of times then had to return to the library. Well, she kept asking about it, and we ended up taking it back out several more times. I've read a LOT of books to my daughter, and mostly she never talks about them, and doesn't ask for a repeat reading. This book, however, will still come up in conversation, and she will still sing the song that Mama May has to sing to the cow to get her milk, and also the song that she sings afterwards in thanks to the cow for her gifts. Now almost 7, we've bought it and can keep it in our classics/favorites collection to keep forever, and eventually she will read it to her own children. Such a cute and memorable story to treasure for years to come.

Kiss the Cow is one of my children's favorite books. They are now 6 & 8 and they still love the story. In fact we recently bought another copy (my daughter's choice) as part of her service project where she took the book with her to a title 1 school, read it to kindergarteners and special needs children and then donated the book to their library. I hope they enjoy the story as much as we have!

Someone on my family cow forum recommended this book, and I love it! It's perfect for my grandkids, who were originally a little shy of our small Dexter cattle, but now love them. It's a cute story and has, of course, a happy ending!

I don't have first hand info on each of the four or five books I sent. I did hear that the beneficiary of the gift was able to read one or two of the books by himself, and the other books renewed his interest in reading. I'm happy to include this book in the selection. The beneficiary's mom was also happy to see the interest in reading.

All items that I've bought are great! I just finished "Take the Risk" and really enjoyed Dr. Ben's stories and experiences!!! Have not bought the book about Throat & Chest relief with Anise.

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