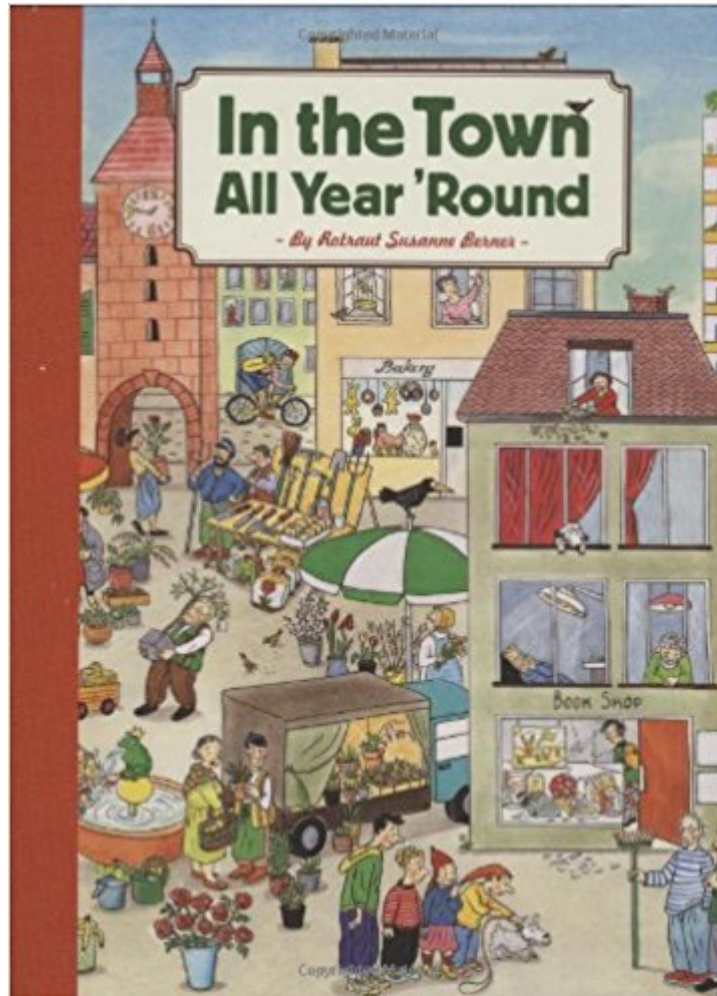




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In The Town All Year 'Round



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Synopsis

Big, colorful illustrations and minimal text set the stage for a delightful cast of characters as they go about their day-to-day adventures in one little town throughout the year. Playing, chasing pets, running errands, going to work: following what happens and looking for the many small surprises in the pictures will absorb and amuse children and parents alike.

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Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2
•Reminiscent of the bustle of Richard Scarry's "Busytown" (S & S), this oversize German import is divided into four sections, one for each season. At the start of each section a full page highlights several different community members, such as Pedro, who "loves to sing and play his guitar," and a cat. "Cassie travels all through the town. Can you find her in each picture?" The cartoon picture puzzle echoes Martin Handford's "Waldo" series (Candlewick). Each season is represented by seven spreads that feature cross-sections of buildings and a wealth of detail across the surrounding landscape. Viewers follow characters along their everyday activities from page to page throughout the year as the community and its members undergo changes. The illustrations are charming, and the thorough details guarantee joyful exploration.
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This oversize identification book, similar to Richard Scarry's volumes, opens by introducing a cast of characters for children to find as they explore eight different scenes throughout each of the seasons. Myriad details of people, places, and events, colorfully drawn in cartoon style, will have youngsters examining the pages for hours, flipping back and forth to see seasonal changes in cutaway buildings, on a farm, around town, and much more. Any given character's appearance during a season or throughout the year conveys a story, much as in Mitsumasa Anno's travel books. The book design, with different color borders for each season, makes the process of comparing and contrasting scenes easier. Great for generating discussions with an ESL population, this book is best shared individually or in small groups as the images and details are small, even if the pages are large. Preschool-Grade 2. --Patricia Austin

it is a big book to hold, but a toddler can look at it lying on the floor. my 2 year old does. it does have a pic of a naked woman in a museum, but to a toddler it is normal, to a repressed adult in mainstream culture it may not be. it also has a pic of a man walking with a gun, but my kids don't know what that is and its hard to tell what it is. its a European depiction of daily life. I will complain about the boy pulling the girls hair, but oh well. that happens. I love this wordless book. pictures are adorable and not sentimental, but tasteful, simple and cute. love watching the characters stories throughout the year. it shows Christmas and easter scenes too. just a heads up if youre not into that.

I'm a mom and an ESOL teacher, and to top all those reviews that talk about illustrations and details, here's my opinion:- so many unusual items! --> kids learn new words and extend their vocab.Great for second language acquisition too, so ESL/EFL/ESOL teachers and teachers of ANY languages, get them ASAP :-)- so many different places! --> kids will review their own experience and have real events in their heads to back the pictures up with.Refer to your own zoo trips or museum visits and you'll see their eyes light up.- so many play ideas! --> it doesn't stop here.Younger kids: use cardboard and draw some items (veggies, animals, clothes etc), cut the out and ask your kid to matchOlder kids: make them draw some items and play "who's faster?" together

My 3 year old son loves this book. We have has the book a good while now and we still go through it at least 4 times a week together. He just refers to it as "The Town Book". The details in each page is brilliant we keep finding new little details even now. My son loves it so much he even sleeps with it and reads it before we turn out the light and when he wakes in the morning.The book is very well

made which is a blessing as it has taken a lot of knocks and we have had it several months now. Though it is starting to fall apart now. Some of the pages are starting to fall out. Therefore I have decided to buy a second copy of the book to replace the first copy that is on its last legs. I hope my 1 year old daughter loves this book as much as my son when she gets a little older. And if I have to buy a third copy, so be it.

This book is one of those that you will save long after your children have grown. It becomes a family classic and you pass it down. Generous, over-sized book -- the stories of the various characters told through illustrations is just such a high quality. The first time my then-2 and then-4 year old children looked at this book, they literally sat together for 45 minutes just LOOKING and oooohing and aaaahing. Almost 2 years later, they still enjoy taking a good, long, look at this book periodically, and I enjoy doing it with them. Well done, all around and I'd buy it many times over. For those looking for something to read with kids - note there is very little text in this book. The book is divided into the seasons with a section intro-page prompting you to see what happens to certain characters in that section. I liken it to a look n' find but with a story line and of beyond higher quality.

This is the best kids book we own. It is so endlessly entertaining. Way better than a Waldo or I Spy book. The things the book tells you to find are just the tip of the iceberg. You can follow the changes in the town and lives of all the characters and animals through the four seasons. There is always something new to notice and find. It gets better the more you read it. My three year old son loves this book. There is a small museum scene with a painting of a nude woman in it, but if that bothers you then it's easy to draw a swimsuit on her.

I purchased this book for my sons when I heard it recommended on an NPR show a few years ago. My sons were 5 and 9 at the time. I must say, though, that I have ended up enjoying it as much if not more than they. This is a picture book but not like any picture book your toddler ever had. It is intriguing to children and adults alike. The book follows a town through the four seasons. The stories told through the pictures and seasons are simply delightful. The detail of the pictures is intriguing. You can "read" it many times and still not find all the individual "stories" being told through the pages.

This book is my 2 1/2 yr old grandson's absolute favorite. He'll ask for it any time he sits down for a story. There are so many things to look at, and the pictures are realistic enough that the book is a

real vocabulary builder. In addition there are sub stories in the pictures that develop across the seasons: a pregnant woman that has her baby; a runner who loses his keys, and they are returned by a little girl; a ground breaking that becomes a new kindergarten; and so on. Many characters reappear from season to season showing some sort of development. The way we read this book is to start on any page, and just look and talk for awhile. No matter where you start there is much to see. The book reminds me of Richard Scarry's Best Word Book Ever - another fun "look-look" book. Now I'm buying a second copy for another grandson!

Easily my daughter's favorite book, and my favorite of her books too! We've looked through it dozens of times, and STILL find something new every time. Fun trying to find and figure out what people are doing through each scene. Great for spurring conversation and making up stories about the characters. Also a nice way to learn about traditions and customs in other cultures. The Nacht Wimmelbuch is a nice addition if you like this one--all in German, but is easily translated if need be using various online translators. Highly recommended!

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