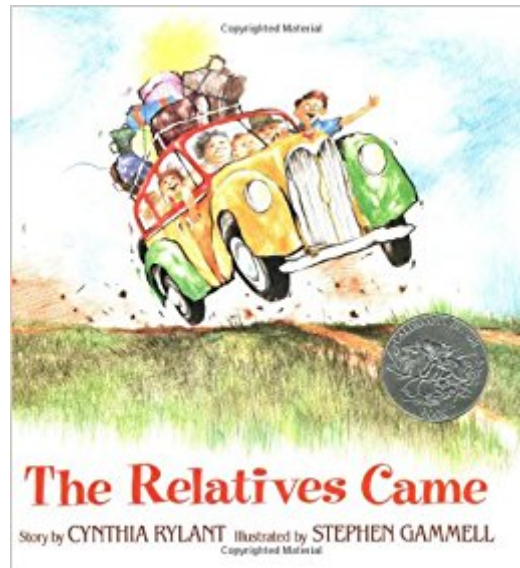


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The Relatives Came



Synopsis

The relatives come to visit from Virginia and everyone has a wonderful time.

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years


Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 3 The title of Rylant's exuberant tale is an understatement, for when "those relatives" came, they came en masse and they came for an extended stay. Their anticipation at seeing kin during their long, long drive and finally hugging them "against their wrinkled Virginia clothes" set the tone for this welcome family reunion, a visit that never wears thin. The relatives are depicted as a support system to help a fatherless family with all the things that need to be done in and around their house. In down-to-earth language that harbors strong emotion, Rylant recounts the festive celebration of the relatives' stay and the ensuing sadness when they depart. The relatives in question are a large rural brood, depicted, in Gammell's joyous color pencil drawings, as running the gamut from porcine to scrawny, old to young and rowdy to silent. In pictures of this group hugging, eating and sleeping, the unspoken closeness of the unnamed relatives can be felt. These softly colored pictures, which capture the spirit of the brief text, are large enough for sharing in groups a use of this warm book that seems particularly appropriate. David Gale, "School Library Journal" Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or

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Cynthia Rylant is the author of more than 100 books for young people, including the beloved Henry and Mudge, Annie and Snowball, Brownie & Pearl, and Mr. Putter & Tabby series. Her novel *Missing May* received the Newbery Medal. She lives in Lake Oswego, Oregon. Visit her at CynthiaRylant.com. Stephen Gammell is the beloved illustrator of more than fifty books for children, including *Song and Dance Man* by Karen Ackerman, which received the Caldecott Medal, and two Caldecott Honor Books: *The Relatives Came* by Cynthia Rylant, *Where the Buffaloes Begin* by Olaf Baker, and *The Secret Science Project That Almost Ate Our School* by Judy Sierra. Mr. Gammell lives with his wife, Linda, in St. Paul, Minnesota.

We got a smaller version of this book with a box of Cheerios. Not sure what happened to it, but I was very grateful to replace it through . This book is much larger than our first addition and the kids love it. Each time I've been with my grandson ... this is the book he always wants to read. *The Relatives Came* is well written and beautifully illustrated children's book. I bought it to read to my grandchildren, and now they are reading it to me! We absolutely love looking at the pictures, over and over. We talk about each person, in the family, and then we decide who of our family is who in the book. The kids fall asleep each time with smiles on their faces. I will do everything in my power to keep this book safe, so that someday ... my darlings can read this book to their grandchildren as well. We just love this book  We got a smaller version of this book with a box of Cheerios. Not sure what happened to it, but I was very grateful to replace it through . This book is much larger than our first addition and the kids love it. Each time I've been with my grandson ... this is the book he always wants to read.

This book was good for my five year old. Her cousins were coming to visit us this summer from the south. They make this trip every summer and we go to the south every winter. This book gave her the opportunity to ask some questions about their trip and to better understand how special and important family visits are.

Perfect story. I bought it because it reminded me of grandma's house when I was a kid, always full of company and laughs and good times. It's a story that reminds you of the way life used to be when most families were close knit and always made time for each other. Not saying that doesn't happen today but it's way different now. A story that lets kids be kids. Love it.

This is a great read-aloud for your elementary students! Then turn it into a writing activity to emphasize voice! Have your students write about a family time and encourage them to bring in pictures to share. They will love talking about themselves and their family members while sharing pictures. I have done this with my fourth and fifth grade language arts classes and it is a great reading/writing lesson. Teach your children to "read like a writer" and you will have excellent results!

I bought this book for my two grandkidlets because they have soooo many paternal cousins. This is just a cute story of a family who travels a great distance to see extended family members they haven't seen in a while. My grandkidlets loved it and so did I.

Beautiful, intriguing, entertaining, comical and thoughtful illustrations accompany a lyrical story about a beautiful topic. Truly, every person needs this book. I've been reading this with my children for 6 years -- we all adore it. They're 12 and 9 now. A treasure.

My grandson and I have read this book twice so far. He loves Rylant's Henry and Mudge series and this one is really enjoyable, especially if you have lots of extended family, as we do, to relate to. I love Cynthia Rylant's books and my grandson has come to feel the same way.

This book was always a favorite in our 3-child household! We loved it enough to pick it out of all the children's books we read with our kids "back in the day" to choose it as a new shower children's book gift.

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