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# Dick And Jane Fun With Our Family



## Synopsis

Dick, Jane, Sally, Mother, and Father are not the only family having fun. This time, meet Mike, twin sisters Pam and Penny, and their parents. Two families mean twice the laughs and twice the fun. Beginning readers will love the way each chapter is an individual story, and parents and educators will appreciate the way this format encourages young readers' progression.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 6 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 1

## Customer Reviews

My daughter, who is 3, loves these Dick and Jane book reprints. The language is easy for her to understand, and the three- to five- page stories fit her attention span well - she can really get her mind around them. That said, I would recommend the other books in this series - "Fun Wherever We Are", "We Play Outside" and "We Play and Pretend" ahead of this one, due to some sloppy editing. In my edition, for example, page 78 appears out of order - it belongs to a completely different story - and the African-American characters, Mike and Pam and Penny, are switched out halfway through with new drawings that look entirely different, a bit like when they cast new actors in the same old roles on a sitcom. "Why does Mike have a different face?" asked my blond, blue-eyed daughter, and she was right - Mike and his family had suddenly gone from very dark-skinned to very light-skinned, with new hairstyles to boot. Don't let that turn you off the series as a whole, however,

which is otherwise excellent.

This is a great volume for home-schoolers or just nostalgia. This volume along with *Fun Wherever We Are* reprints the pre-primers from the 1960s edition of the Dick and Jane readers. Some stories are from the 1965 multi-ethnic version, while others are not. Still with a little careful sequencing one can follow the original sequence of stories to teach reading vocabulary. Antiquarian copies of the same books are expensive, so these reprints would be great for home-schoolers.

This book was a little bit not quite what I expected. It was a little too simple even for a kindergartener. I would purchase it again but only if to challenge a younger child, maybe one of preschool age. These kids now are much more advanced in reading skill even at kindergarten age. A nice book overall.

This is a nice, sturdy little book. The illustrations are nice, and it has many, many stories in it. We are huge Dick and Jane fans here and are happy to have it, however there are a couple drawbacks. This book, like the other three in this series, is a compilation from the Dick and Jane readers. It doesn't start easy and progress fluidly through, adding just two or three words with each new story, like the original readers did. In fact, now that we have three out of the four books in hand, I'd say they are better saved for when your child has mastered *We Look and See* and *We Work and Play*. Now for the poor editing, page 77 is the title page for the story *See Sally Help*. Page 78 is a page from a different story and has nothing to do with the following three pages (which I would guess are the complete story of *See Sally Help*.) It isn't until you get to *See Puff Play* that you realize where the page goes. (Right smack in the middle of *See Puff Play*.) I'm not sure how the editors didn't catch that one.

This book was used as part of our 1st grader's homeschool reading. The stories are adventurous and happy. Because these stories are short, it's just right for an early reader. The child doesn't get frustrated. Kids seem to like the cute little dog named Spot in the story too! The book had its first copyright in 1930. I like the family bond the book portrays in its stories and photos.

I tried various beginning reading books before turning back to Dick and Jane books. I tried Dr. Seuss books, which were far too busy with crazy illustrations and nonsensical words (that said, I love Dr. Seuss but I think those books will be more helpful when my son is a bit more advanced in his

reading). I tried the Bob reading books but the illustrations didn't engage my son and didn't hold his attention. I googled the Dick and Jane books, and after purchasing them I must say that they are the perfect tool to teach my 4 year old to read. He loves the simple illustrations. The word repetition is consistent and easy to follow. He is just learning to sound out his first words so seeing words like: go, down, up, play, etc repeated so heavily throughout the book is really helpful. The book also helps with sight words. The stories are short and uncomplicated. After reading him a page or two I ask him to point out words and we sound some of the words out. My son also loves to ask me questions about Dick and Jane and their adventures. And it is nice that I find the books so enjoyable to read because it means I spend more time practicing reading with my son since I like the books too. These books are such classics. I recommend them for anyone beginning to teach their child to read.

This book is great for your beginner readers. I purchased this book because I learned how to read off of the Dick & Jane books. To my surprise half of the book is filled with stories about two twin girls Pam & Penny who are African American. I was happy to see this. My six year old son loves reading these stories. I have had this book about 1 year now. My six year has learned his beginning words and now is excelling in much larger words. If you want your child to have confidence in reading, these books are great to have to start them off. Why oh why? did they take the Dick & Jane Books out of the schools.

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