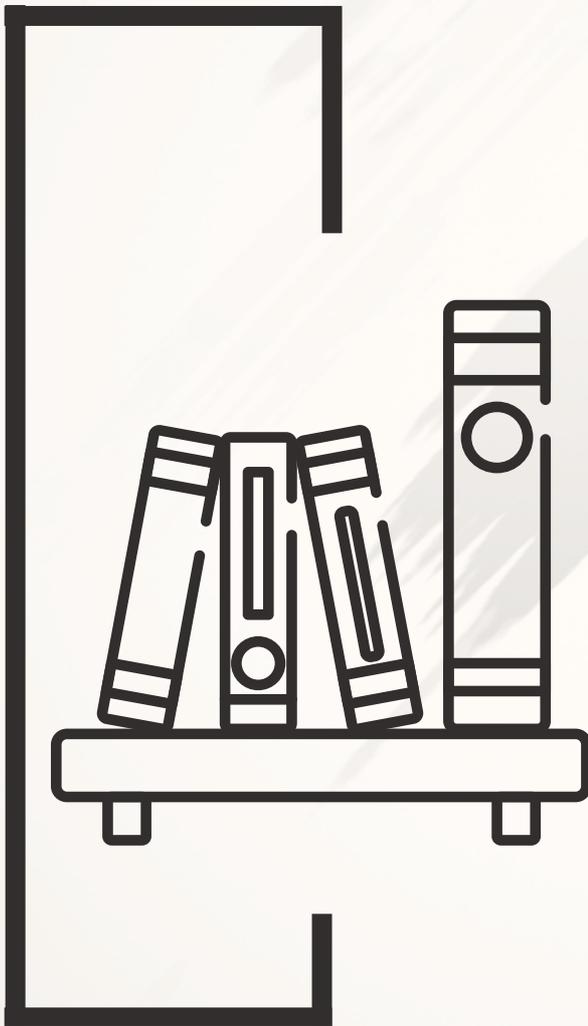


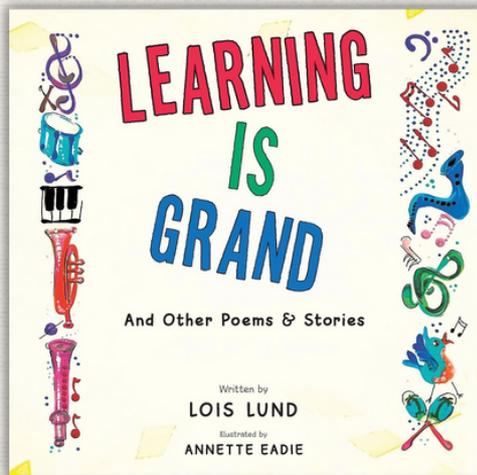


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CLASSIC REVIEW



LEARNING IS GRAND

And Other Poems & Stories

Written by
LOIS LUND



RATING: 5/5



Lois Lund's *Learning Is Grand and Other Poems & Stories* is a fun collection brought to life by the fanciful illustrations of Annette Eadie.

There is something so innocently joyful about a children's book. Perhaps it's because of the simple sense of wonder such a book evokes with its uncomplicated ideas and colorful illustrations. What is certain is that reading one can be an immensely rewarding and joyful experience, especially when it is shared with a little loved one as part of a bedtime ritual.

In *Learning Is Grand and Other Poems & Stories*, author Lois Lund offers up a charming collection of both poetry and prose. Her subjects range from sunshine-yellow baby chicks and leaf-green leap frogs, to autobiographical short pieces about her big brother and her dear husband. Her Christian faith also shines through in poems such as the titular *Learning Is Grand* and *Tests in School*. She even delves a bit into her childhood and shares a slice of small-town American life during the 1960s in the sweet and nostalgic *Bicycle*.

The pictures Lund paints with her words are vividly depicted in Annette Eadie's colorful illustrations that border each poem in a whimsical arrangement of elements. These illustrations often contain details that demand careful examination as if they are telling their own little stories, and if you could just look closely enough, then these tales will be revealed to you, adding another layer to the book. Eadie's artistic style absolutely complements Lund's work, and their collaboration on this book gets top marks.

A very minor nitpick that does not lessen this book's cozy charm are a few grammatical errors that may not have been missed by a keener-eyed editor. Perhaps that is something that a future edition can correct, but as it is right now, Lois Lund's *Learning Is Grand and Other Poems & Stories* is a delightful work that any parent or children's book lover should consider adding to their home library.