



# Red, White, and Boom!

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## Red White And Blue Flags

I think I can be a tough reviewer at times. On a second look, the scrapbook-like illustrations are actually pretty great. However, the style of the book, which picked out a few phrases to express the atmosphere of the holiday, was a little too reflective for little kids, and I think not engaging enough of a story for bigger kids (or adults). So, this is why I rated it at merely, "Ok" and gave it two stars.

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## Red White And Boom

Lee Wardlaw's newest title celebrates America and the 4th of July, but the book could really be used with young readers and writers to invite creative verb usage. Take another look at those simple lines:

Bugles call  
Fifers trill  
Frisbie flips  
Fireflies flit  
and  
Sparklers spit

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A beautifully packaged book! ...more

I really like the paper cut illustrations in this book.  
It reads like a fourth of July rhyming poem, and has some good vocabulary words.

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There is not much of a story - it's more of a concept book. It jumps from the July 4th parade, to kites, to the beach, then back to the 4th of July and fireworks.

The good points are the illustrations, sounds & vocabulary. Could be used for fourth of July theme reading.

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## Red White And Royal Blue

celebration of the 4th of July...cool illustrations, story done in verse.

This book contains a poem set up in relation to the 4th of July. It contains things such as swimming and fireworks.

I think this book would be okay for a read aloud so that the teacher is able to explain the vocabulary. The concept would not be easy to grasp for young readers. The papercut out illustrations are really cute!

I would read this book in class around the 4th of July to help explain the holiday and help the student understand how different families celebrate.

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## Red White And Blue

- \*Short rhyming text - really, really simple but lots of vocabulary
- \*Fun collage illustration
- \*Jumps from parade to beach to fireworks with no real transition
- \*Diverse cast of characters representing America's diversity

Overall, a fun read for a 4th of July themed story time.

About the 4th of July and all the ways people celebrate.

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## Red White And Blue Popsicle

Cute rhyming, limited words. All about celebrating the 4th of July and summertime.

This picture book about Fourth of July celebrations includes diverse characters, beautiful cut paper illustrations, and brief rhyming text that helps readers explore the traditions of the holiday.

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## Red White And Green Flag

Fun overview of the Fourth of July.

Crisp cut paper illustrations show the whole middle-class American experience of the 5th of July. Sweet and charming.

## Red White And Black Flag

I related the non-fiction book, "The Star Spangled Banner in Translation, What It Really Means" by Elizabeth Raum to the fiction book "Red White and Boom" by Lee Wardlaw. I related these two books text to text because they are both books about America. The book "The Star Spangled Banner in Translation, What It Really Means" is a great book. It explains the star spangled banner very well. The book gives a lot of history about the song. This book was published in 2009; it contains a table of contents, a time line, a translation guide, a glossary, and additional Internet addresses to look up and also an index. The story "Red White and Boom" is a cute fiction story about America's independence day. Throughout the book the author travels its readers through different Fourth of July celebrations. The story shows a parade, a beach picnic, and fireworks. I think these two books would work well to link to each other text to text. ...more

I think the cut paper illustrations are gorgeous. I would recommend this to teachers who would like a 4th of July read aloud for K-2 that ties in with a language arts lesson. The vocabulary is unique for a children's book with many new words to introduce to the early elementary set: "unfurl" "trill" "sprawl" etc. and the older kids would be able to figure the meaning of these new words out within the context they are used. In addition, I think it could be tied to figures of speech lessons with such phrases as "sparklers spit" "shoulder seat"...whether talking about alliteration or personification with the spitting sparklers, etc. This language repeats throughout.

Many are recommending this for a younger crowd. I think the vocabulary, flow, and illustrations would all be lost on a group that young, but to each his own! ...more

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## Red White And Boom Fireworks

Red, White, And Boom! By Lee Wardlaw, illustrated by Huy Voun Lee is a picture book about July 4th. The book illustrates celebrations that take place on this summer day in America. This book is ideal for very young students that are learning about the Fourth of July. Although the book does not give background on why these celebrations are taking place, leaving room for teacher inputs and other material to be introduced. The book would be for audience in kindergarten or younger. After reading it Red, White, And Boom! By Lee Wardlaw, illustrated by Huy Voun Lee is a picture book about July 4th. The book illustrates celebrations that take place on this summer day in America. This book is ideal for very young students that are learning about the Fourth of July. Although the book does not give background on why these celebrations are taking place, leaving room for teacher inputs and other material to be introduced. The book would be for audience in kindergarten or younger. After reading it to the class I would have students talk about different things they found within the book or learned from the book. They can share their 4th of July traditions and events. They can also share what the special day means to them or their family. Some may even have them draw pictures of their ideas about 4th of July. Overall the book has fun illustrations and it exciting to look at. ...more

In rhyming lines, the author reviews the many ways the United States celebrates its independence. Pedestrians watch a musical marching parade pass by while tohers spend their time at the beach, flying kites, eating or building sand castles. Still others head to leafy parks to prepare for the fireworks that mark the day's end. I like several of the words the author chose throughout the text: ("Peacock plume" (unpaged), for instance, and ("Rockets wing/Crackle, sing/ Burst and zoom/ Red, white, bo In rhyming lines, the author reviews the many ways the United States celebrates its independence. Pedestrians watch a musical marching parade pass by while tohers spend their time at the beach, flying kites, eating or building sand castles. Still others head to leafy parks to prepare for the fireworks that mark the day's end. I like several of the words the author chose throughout the text: ("Peacock plume" (unpaged), for instance, and ("Rockets wing/Crackle, sing/ Burst and zoom/ Red, white, boom!" (unpaged). The colorful cut-paper collages show plenty of movement on this day of celebration. It's a fun book to read aloud, but nowhere near as appealing or as fun to read aloud as the author's earlier feline-themed offering, Won Ton. ...more

## Red White And Blue Beach

Written by Lee Wardlaw & Ill. by Huy Voun Lee. Published 2012 by Holt & Co., NY. The artist used cut-paper collage to create illustrations. Bold colors and lots of primary colors show what happens on the 4th of July celebration. It is a great book to read aloud and discuss the artwork with students. Wonderings about celebrations the students have experienced will naturally happen. The people depicted are multiple nationalities and races. Great book for all students. If collage is being t

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## Red White And Blue Background

"How do we celebrate the 4th of July? What special things do you do? How many different cultures contribute to America's traditions? This rhythmical story is full of nostalgia and happiness as colorful hand cut illustrations give a two dimensional look to this beautiful book. Vibrant word play uplifts the story through every turn."

Fabulous paper cut illustrations. Great for a year round read even though it's about July 4th.