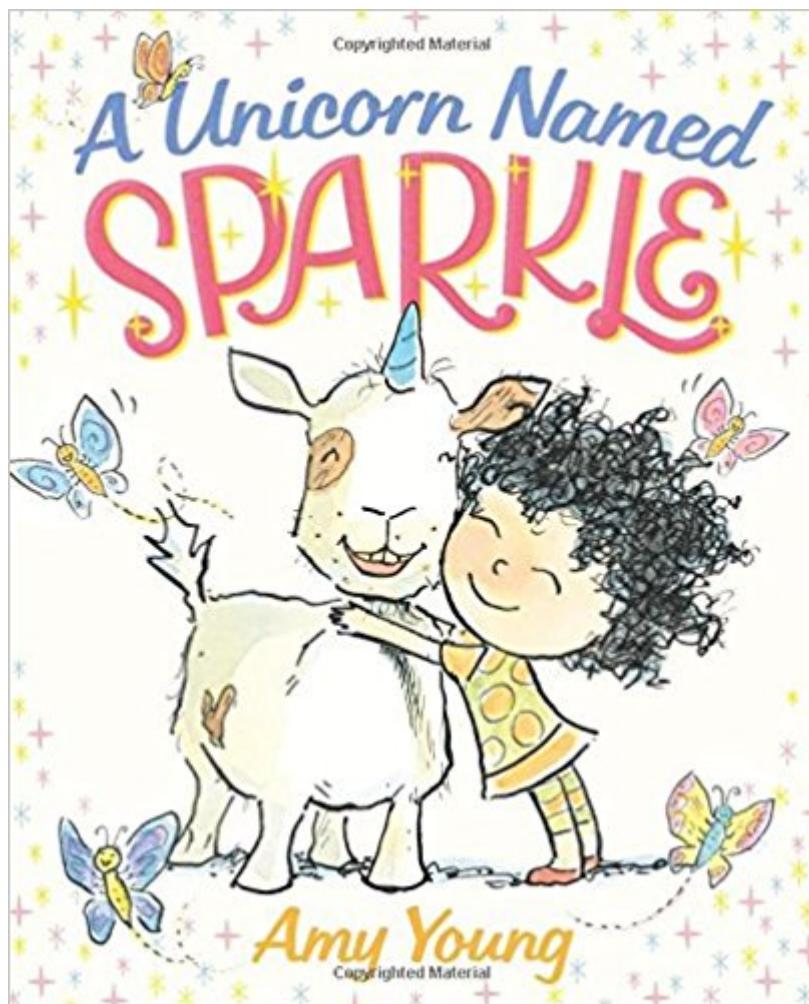


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# A Unicorn Named Sparkle



## **Synopsis**

When Lucy sees an ad in the newspaper for a unicorn, she sends in her twenty-five cents and waits four to six long weeks for her very own unicorn to arrive. She imagines the flowers that she'll braid into his beautiful pink mane, and she even picks the perfect name for him: Sparkle. But when Sparkle arrives, his ears are too long, his horn is too short, he smells funny--and oh, he has fleas. Lucy isn't pleased, but in the end she warms up to Sparkle and realizes that even though he wasn't exactly the unicorn she wanted, he might be just the one she needs.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 2 - 6 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

PreS-Gr 1 "When a girl named Lucy sees an ad in the paper selling unicorns for 25 cents, she sends off for one right away. Lucy has high expectations for her new unicorn, whom she plans to name Sparkle as she rides on his majestic back and impresses all of her friends. However, when Sparkle arrives, he is spotted, short, and mischievous and has fleas. At first Lucy wants to return him to the man she bought him from, but she soon warms up to him when she realizes that, despite his flaws, Sparkle is actually very sweet. Children will laugh at Sparkle's naughty antics but also root for him to win Lucy over, feel heartbroken when she initially chooses to return Sparkle, and cheer when the two are reunited at the end. This is a humorous and charming story about managing

unrealistic expectations, choosing a pet, and acting responsibly. Young skillfully draws the endearingly scruffy Sparkle so that even though he more closely resembles an odd-looking "goat" than a unicorn, he is still undeniably adorable. The last page, in which a smiling Lucy declares, "Welcome Home!" and embraces a visibly happy Sparkle, is the perfect endnote. VERDICT This funny, heartfelt story about a girl and her not-so-perfect unicorn will be a hit for storytime or one-on-one sharing.â "Laura J. Giunta, Garden City Public Library, NY

â œA yummy little morsel.â • â •Booklist with praise for *Don't Eat the Baby*â œThe layout is clean and well designed, and lively acrylic illustrations are done in bright colorsâ • â •School Library Journal with praise for *Don't Eat the Baby*â œThe artwork swirls about in bright blues, pinks, and purples while the page layout and Belinda's odd but beautifully positioned and danced jetâ s, râ verences, and arabesques deserve bravas and applause.â • â •School Library Journal with praise for *Belinda, the Ballerina*â œFor every young dancer who finds that her body is not perfect (that is, almost every young dancer), the story puts physical defects into perspective and offers something to laugh about at the same time.â • â •Booklist with praise for *Belinda, the Ballerina* "And Young hits all the visual beats, creating something likable and appealing. Yet there are moments of greater promiseâ •the ad on the back cover, with its zinelike look; the girlcentric endpapers (rainbows! cupcakes! butterflies! stars! goat?!?)â •that hint at something edgier and more distinctive that hasn't quite developed. A tale about coming to love someoneâ •or somethingâ •for who they are and not what one hopes them to be: a pleasant addition to the odd-couple shelf."â •Kirkus" She had to admit: sometimes he made her smile and sometimes he made her laugh,' writes Young (*Donâ™t Eat the Baby!*), whose storytelling and watercolor cartooning are spot-on in their comic timing. Her message to readers is clear: self-awareness and finding a soul mate donâ™t always come easily."â •PW"This is a humorous and charming story about managing unrealistic expectations, choosing a pet, and acting responsibly...This funny, heartfelt story about a girl and her not-so-perfect unicorn will be a hit for storytime or one-on-one sharing" â •SLJ"Irresistible pen-and-ink and watercolor illustrations of Lucy and her scruffy new friend add charm to this buoyant story of reality trumping fantasy." â •Shelf Awareness

Ironically this book was a perfect fit for our daughter. Dark curly hair, unicorn obsessed (and had asked the Easter Bunny for a real unicorn), and her name is Lucy. When we read this she loved it, even named her stretchkin unicorn the Bunny brought Sparkle. Great story and cute pictures.

My four year old received this as a gift and I laughed when I saw it because it actually looks like her. When we finally opened the book I cried the first few times we read this story. I think it does an excellent job of teaching very little people about unconditional love mixed with a touch of "beauty is in the eye of the beholder." We love this book so much that we also have given it as a gift.

My son loves this book. The first time I read it to him he whispered, "Again!" in pure awe. So happy to have stumbled across this gem.

Very cute story. Silly, enjoyable. My little one will definitely like it.

Item was as described and shipped quickly. Thank you.

This was a gift, and the recipient loved it.

Sweet story, but needs to be for age around 7-8. I have a 4 year old and she didn't quite understand because it doesn't look like a unicorn. So she wasn't interested.

Perfect!

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