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*This is the shape of us,
the shape of you and me
This is the shape of our eyes,
and this is the world that we see...*

From sun up to sun down, from our hands and our feet, to animals, cars, food, and teddy bears, the world is alive with endless shapes to identify. Once you start to look, who knows what shapes you'll discover next! With its gently reassuring text and vivid illustrations, The Shape of My Heart invites readers to look beyond the obvious, and explore the world in a whole new way.

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Kendra says

Really like the idea of non-traditional shapes and the "shape" of various things. The only thing I really didn't like about this book was that after showing us all the shapes of things, the heart is the traditional heart shape instead of an actual heart. Just would have been awesome to show the shape of an actual heart. Just like actual hands, lips, ears, etc.

Still, super cute!

Sarah says

<http://librariansnark.blogspot.com/2...>

Kara Belden says

This one looks way cuter than it actually is.

Christine Turner says

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Meghan Thomas says

This is a cute story for parents to read to their young children. This would be a good bedtime story, but also a good educational tool. While teaching shapes, teachers can use this book to explore different things and there shapes. This story talks about the shapes of bodies, cars, foods, animals, and finally the shape of our heart. The book has color everywhere you look and is very appealing to the eye. The author puts in the back of the book to read this with the ones you love, this is why I find it to be a great bedtime story to talk about how much one loves their child.

Michelle says

Good lap read. There is much to look at on every page and discuss.

Amanda (Born Bookish) says

Such a special book! Loved the vibrant illustrations and sweet, sweet message. Can't wait to read this one with my niece!

Becky B says

Using the phrase "This is the shape of..." the book tours the community and looks at the various things in it from birds to houses.

You could use this book to help little ones practice vocabulary for everyday items around the community. It rarely uses the real noun, just describes them. Like birds are "shapes that chirp and tweet...and flutter away." Simple words, and a cute illustration style. I was hoping for a little bit more from the cover. But it is still ok.

Alisha says

I just really liked this sweet book. I hope I always remember cuddling with Solomon and reading it over and over.

Linda says

This sweet story tells of the shapes of one day, beginning with what appears to be a parent and a child. It shows the sun rising, and in brief poetry, takes us on a trip of important things in our lives, like our eyes, and things we might see, birds that chirp and tweet, and so on. In simple drawings, Paterson shows the details that the words don't, filling the pages with brightly colored drawings. This would be a book for young children to enjoy in the naming of things, and the listening of the rhyming words.

Franki Sibberson says

Such fun! Love this book for young children. Great math connections.

Rebecca Grabill says

I enjoyed the illustrations immensely and liked the educational content. This would be a household favorite, I think, though I found myself wishing for more actual story. I also was not crazy about the way the text was laid out on the page. Why not integrate it with the art more? I would not place this as a Valentine's Day book, regardless of the title. But as a concept book, it's fun with lots to look at and items and shapes to name.

Kristi says

This rhyming shape book is not quite the shape book that you expect. It does have stars and hearts in it, but it also has the shape of feet and hands, the shape of the sun, the shape of eyes and mouths, and birds. There are the traditional shapes to look for on the pages: rectangles, squares, circles, triangles and diamonds. But unlike Ehler's "Color Zoo," this picture book uses more than the basic geometric shapes. The text is sweet and connects a parent to a child. Recommended to be read multiple times to the toddler set.

Emmaline MacBeath says

SUMMARY: This book shows the shape of many things in our lives such as "the shapes that chirp and tweet..." (birds).

ILLUSTRATIONS: The illustrations were created in mixed media. Many of the pages are very busy with a full page of objects. There is lots of color and high interest pictures.

REVIEW: I had mixed feelings about this book. On one hand it seemed to be a poetic and lyrical story that was heading somewhere that had to do with how much a parent loves a child. But I feel that if I didn't quite understand it, young children won't either. The story line seemed random. It went from--here are the birds and the sun--to this is what a mouth looks like and what would you like to eat? And all this was leading to: this is the shape of my heart with all these things around us inside of it. "And this is the shape I love you with." There are lots of pictures for little ones to look at and learn names of items, but some of the shapes are a bit abstract as well.

Karen says

There's a lot going on in every page. Almost too much. And oddly it doesn't actually name the different shapes even though they're drawn on the pages.
