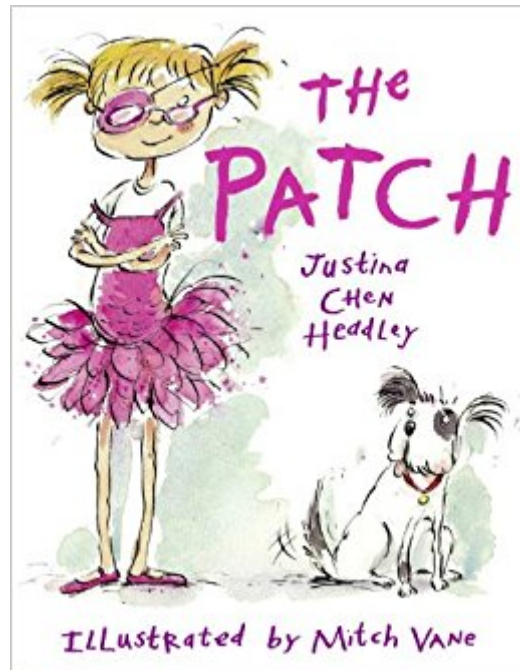




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The Patch



Synopsis

The kids at school want to know why Becca is wearing glasses and a patch. Instead of telling them she has amblyopia, Becca leads her friends on imaginative adventures to explain her new fashion accessory. Mitch Vane's illustrations capture the spunky exuberance of this resourceful heroine.

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 2 *What could have been a saccharine and didactic message book about accepting differences is, instead, a lovely and surprising story that will certainly be enjoyed as a read-aloud. Beccas doctor discovers that shes got a lazy eye and needs a patch and glasses to strengthen her eyesight. The five-year-old is worried that the other students will think she looks stupid so, to boost her confidence, her older brother lends her his favorite pirate costume to go with her purple glasses and bright pink patch (this girl is clearly partial to pink). The bold hues in the cartoonlike watercolors reinforce Beccas and her classmates energy. The students are fascinated as she plays Becca the Ballerina Pirate, Private Eye, and One-Eyed Monster before admitting the real reason for her patch. The illustrations dance off the pages, and Beccas exuberance shines through.*
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PreS-Gr. 2. Five-year-old aspiring dancer Becca is furious when she learns about her lazy eye: "Ballerinas don't wear glasses. And they especially do NOT wear patches!" She grudgingly chooses purple glasses and a pink eye patch, but she's doesn't want to go to school the next morning: "Everyone is going to think I look stupid." Then her brother offers to lend her his pirate costume, to match her patch, and Becca becomes Ballerina Pirate, dancing her way through class. By the end of the day, all the kids yearn for a patch like Becca's. The split-second reversal from despondent patch hater to Ballerina Pirate may seem a bit abrupt to some children, especially those struggling to accept patches (or other corrective gear) of their own. Still, this is a well-paced, reassuring offering on an unusual topic, and the bright, cheerful, scribbly drawings of twirling, high-spirited Becca and her friends reinforce the messages of normalcy and acceptance. Gillian EngbergCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Cute book for both girls and boys about "fitting in" when patching. I appreciate that this little girl, while a ballerina who likes pink, also likes pirates. This story appealed to both my elementary school-aged son and daughter, both of whom have to patch. Another great title on this topic is "Jacob's Eye Patch". Good to send these books to school for the teacher to read to the class when a child has to go into school with an eyepatch. We did this on the first day our kids patched in school. Having the story ready aloud to their class really helped the other kids to understand and accept the patching and ours not to feel self-conscious about wearing the patches in school.

My biggest issue is the main character saying she will "look stupid". Ugh. I can't stand children's books that use poor language choices. My kids aren't even allowed to say that word. And the little girl is pretty rude to her mom at the doctor. The storyline is weird and doesn't actually talk about anything that would help a child with a patch. Instead she uses some pretty extreme avoidance techniques instead of just explaining to her friends why she has a patch. The book was poorly written in my opinion and not interesting. She basically only accepts herself in a positive way once everyone else is jealous of her. Not a great message to send to children. How about self love regardless of how you look?? And the illustrations are obnoxious too. My 4 year old daughter likes to read this only because I make up an entirely different story as we look at the pictures. Someday I'll secretly throw it away. I wish there was a better option because this subject definitely deserves a cute book!

My 5 year old daughter is wearing glasses and just started to patch 2 days ago. She was crying and very self conscious about what the other kids would say. As soon as we started reading the book she kept saying "Just like me"

I love the concept of this story! My issue is the book was a bit mature for my 2 and 3 year old since they don't go to school yet. My 2 year old has strabismus with no vision impairment, she does not need glasses but does wear a patch for 3 hours a day. This book resonated with my 3 year and inspired her to help her baby sister become more enthusiastic about her patch. I did not care for the usage of the word stupid either which is why I gave it 4 stars and not the full 5. We do not condone negative language in our home and I was fairly disappointed to see it used in such a useful learning tool. Luckily my girls do not read and I was able to change the word to silly. I loved "Becca's" many explanations for her patch and was thrilled when she was able to reveal the real reason with her head held high. Overall this book has been a tremendous help.

Thanks to the author for writing an adorable book to help my daughter ease into wearing a patch, 5 out of 7 days a week in front of other kids at day care. This book is on the Ohio Amblyope Registry information sheet and for good reason. It's adorable.

This book is awesome! It provides my daughter with an example of another child who has to wear an eye patch. Not only does it make patch wearing more understandable, but it helps provide young children with the vocabulary necessary to talk about their medical condition. Plus, it helps her feel normal and accepted in a world that preaches conformity. I definitely recommend this book!

Got the book a day early and it's a very cute book. Can't wait to read it to my daughter. The book came with part of the cover bent and there was stickers on the cover also. I thought this was a new book?

I bought this and "The Pirate of the Kindergarten" by George Ella Lyon for my nephew who was a little uneasy about having to wear his eye patch in public. It worked out well for her to read him these books before putting the patch on everyday. They both liked this one best though because it addresses more than just the patch. The girl, who has the patch, tries to make up different reasons for why she has to wear it and in the end has to be honest. So it covers being o.k. with wearing it

and in the end a classmate and friend hurts herself and needs a cast. So it also brings up that we all have to be a little different sometimes and all our differences are okay and can be fun too!

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