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Forever Young



Synopsis

WINNER OF THE NOBEL PRIZE IN LITERATURE Since it first appeared on the 1974 album Planet Waves, "Forever Young" has been one of Bob Dylan's most beloved songs. Now award-winning artist Paul Rogers gives us a new interpretation of the lyrics. With images inspired by classic Dylan songs and pieces of his life, this is a bold and touching tribute to an anthem whose message will always stay forever young.

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Customer Reviews

Dylan's 1974 anthem unfolds as a series of vignettes following the growth of a musician/activist (his clean-cut blondness is a far cry from the scruffiness of the real Dylan). May you grow up to be righteous,/ May you grow up to be true finds the hero fist-bumping an African-American school chum; May you have a strong foundation/ When the winds of changes shift captures him on the front lines of a peace demonstration. Rogers's line drawings may surprise admirers of his Jazz ABZ: the chilly rendering style and the flat, digitally manipulated compositions recall 1960s low-budget animation. The key to this book's likeliest audience, however, rests in the many visual shout-outs to Dylan's career (they're all explained in an endnote). DA Pennebaker can be seen filming the peace march, while Edie Sedgwick, Joan Baez and other hipster icons are among the marchers; another spread depicts the Greenwich Village clubs where Dylan played in the 1960s, and throws in

references to both Lay, Lady, Lay (a big brass bed glimpsed through a window) and the cover of the 1963 album The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan. Baby boomers will have a blast decoding it all. All ages. (Sept.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Kindergarten-Grade 4 • Rogers has fashioned Dylan's 1973 song into an homage to the musician and to coming of age in the 1960s. Adults familiar with the songwriter's life and albums will recognize images in the artwork that recall the period. For those who miss these references, a page-by-page explanation of the visual clues is appended. Most children will feel that the text reads like a blessing spoken by an adult to a growing boy. The illustrations show a street musician giving his guitar to a Caucasian child. He learns to play it and becomes friends with an African-American boy. The two eventually form their own street band, travel the country in a VW bug, and participate in rallies to save the planet and stop the war. The story comes full circle as the young man passes his guitar on to a girl at song's end. Some of the images will be confusing to those who don't read the back matter; e.g., the sticker on the guitar case that reads, "This machine kills Fascists" is a Woody Guthrie reference. A pleasant but additional purchase that will give baby boomers an opportunity to wax nostalgic about "the good old days" with their grandkids. • Martha Simpson, Stratford Library Association, CT Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Love this song- love this book! My kids (& my husband & I) enjoy reading this book together. The pics are great & we love the little surprise references like the school bus is from "the finest school all right". Can't go wrong here & it's like a little blessing & encouragement to read or sing to your little ones!

This book is wonderful! The illustrations are beautiful and the message is soulfully appropriate for any child, boy or girl, regardless of age. The book is an illustration of Bob Dylan's song, Forever Young. The song is a beautiful blessing: May God bless and keep you always, May your wishes all come true, May you always do for others And let others do for you. May you build a ladder to the stars And climb on every rung, May you stay forever young, Forever young, forever young, May you stay forever young. May you grow up to be righteous, May you grow up to be true, May you always know the truth And see the lights surrounding you. May you always be courageous, Stand upright and be strong, May you stay forever young, Forever young, forever young, May you stay forever

young. May your hands always be busy, May your feet always be swift, May you have a strong foundation When the winds of changes shift. May your heart always be joyful, May your song always be sung, May you stay forever young, Forever young, forever young, May you stay forever young. The artwork is beautiful to look at, so well done, and the book itself shows the work in vivid detail. It's definitely a high-quality keepsake. The back of the book talks a bit about Bob Dylan's life and the author goes thru each illustration and points out the meaning behind some of the details on each page. He also says that if we listen to Dylan's music, we will discover more information creatively tucked away into each page. This allows for discovery and learning (for a bit older child). How marvelous, lovely and fun! It's a beautiful book and if you get a chance, listen to Dylan's song. It's gracefully sung. The only wish I have is that there be a version of this book that includes the Dylan CD from which this song comes from. There is a wonderful short video out as well (check or youtube) that promotes the sale of this book. It would be awesome to see a full video or a video of more songs like this. I hope the publisher and author/illustrator consider this for a future project! You won't be disappointed in this book.

Bought this as a gift for a 5 year old who loves Dylan. Great for parent-child reading. Goes well with Robbie Robertson's "Hiawatha" and "Legends, Icons and Rebels: Music that changed the world." I've written reviews on both. Great for getting kids interested in reading, story-telling and music.

For several years I have given families in my family a special Christmas book. At first it was books like the Littlest Angel. As the years went by I saw Its a Wonderful World as the perfect gift since that song was special to our family. This year Forever Young expressed our wishes for the family. Bob Dylan won the Noble Peace Prize for Literature, adding another bit of interest to the book choice.

Love this book, first saw at the Rock N Roll Hall of Fame! Glad to find on . Excellent illustrations and, of course, with Bob Dylan's words. Extra plus was a description of all the pictures in the back of the book.

This is perfect. A friend recently had a baby and she named him after Bob Dylan. I bought this as a gift. It is amazing. The illustrations are wonderful. They're is a brief decryption of the meaning of each illustration in the end of the book. I can't say enough about this book. It will a staple gift for me for my friends with children.

great song....great book for children. I was matching books to xmas presents for grand kids...This one worked.

I saw this book and bought it long before my son could even lift his head. For me, with the excuse that it was for him of course. Now that he is 3, he enjoys it. I'm glad to teach him what GOOD music is. That there is something far better out there than Lady Gaga and Kanye West. I'd much rather this carry onto the next generation than the self absorbed anthems of today. That broads, money and drugs isn't all there is. If you're going to sing about drugs, do it with class. Like Dylan. I wish it came with a CD single. But beggars can't be choosers. There is a youtube that plays along to the pictures of the book. You're welcome.

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