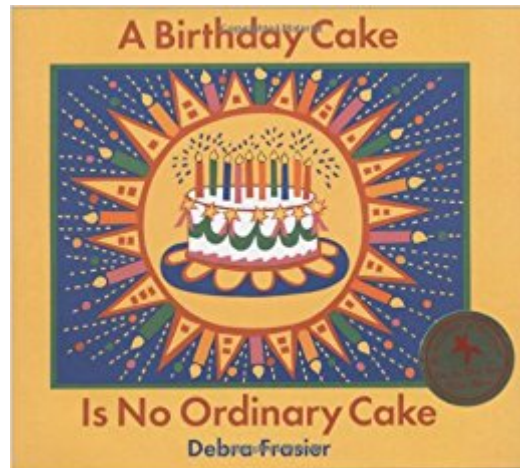




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A Birthday Cake Is No Ordinary Cake



Synopsis

Welcome aboard our spinning Earth as it travels on its immense journey around the Sun. Bring a bowl--and come along! Help collect the ingredients for a cake as big as a year, and see how every circle around the Sun . . . equals one. One what? One birthday cake! For fifteen years, *On the Day You Were Born* has been the classic book to welcome new babies into the world. Now, this jubilant companion celebrates every year thereafter in the life of a child--and of our great green planet Earth. Includes delicious cake and frosting recipes, explanations of how the years are marked in nature, and a section called "How many days to your birthday?" so kids can actually find their own special day.

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Readers who think they're in for a celebration of smeared frosting and blowing out the candles may be surprised to find instead Fraser's (*On the Day You Were Born*) New Age musings on what a birthday cake means. "So hold on, bakers!," exhorts Fraser, as she proceeds, in full gym-instructor mode, to show the earth orbiting around a massive sun, rendered in a confetti-like spray of triangles and circles. "We're riding the Earth in a great spinning circle around the Sun, from your birthday to your next birthday.... You will need exactly 364 more sunrises, all clouds included." Metaphorically speaking, that means gathering up a year's worth of seasonally themed ingredients (e.g., "the

sound of a returning red robin, singing. Simply open the window. Your bowl will catch it"). The cut-paper collages depict a toque-wearing, angelic-looking chef combining the fanciful ingredients with a wave of a wooden spoon; every few pages, Fraser returns readers to the perspective of an orbiting earth to underscore her theme. While her deep thoughts may not appeal to all readers, Fraser deserves plaudits for prompting youngsters to think of their birthday as more than an opportunity for presents. Recipes for a basic yellow cake plus vanilla and chocolate frostings round out this upbeat lesson. All ages. (Sept.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Grade 1-3 A baker invites readers to savor a year by starting at any chosen date and assembling a fanciful (or real) birthday cake to celebrate the Earth's journey and their own. The recipes begin by having children collect the first sunrise after their birthdays and gather a host of nature's ingredients such as the sounds of a returning red robin, 12 full silver moons, a south-flying bird's shadow, and the sound of snowflakes falling. After collecting 364 more sunrises, the baker adds traditional cake ingredients. Pop-off-the-page, vibrant-colored cut-paper collage illustrations capture the fanciful and factual concepts. The back matter includes recipes for both cakes and frosting. The last page gives information about Counting Circles, and Frasier suggests that counting the rings of a tree's cross section is like counting birthday candles on a cake. This unique book blends a melodic, metaphorical look of nature with scientific topics. It is perfect for one-on-one sharing and is sure to prompt discussion. Frasier's many fans will appreciate this thoughtful offering. © Helen Foster James, University of California at San Diego Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

It has become our second and third grade class's birthday tradition for me to read this book to the birthday child. At this point in the year (March) the class has heard the book multiple times. They love to chime in with Debra Frasier's short, poetic sentences. They also pipe in when it's their "entering spot" during the cycle of seasons. We make a birthday book for the child to take home that is based on the vivid illustrations. It's been a wonderful way to honor the birthday child. Love it.

Debra Frasier has captured the joy of a child's birthday.

This book is a classroom favorite. WE read it in our Kindergarten whenever we celebrate a birthday. Filled with learning

I have purchased this book countless times. Pair it with an interesting mixing bowl and give it as a gift. Perfect and FUN!

This book is wonderful - it has beautiful illustrations and is a delight for the reader and the listener. My four year old grandtwins loved it.

Item as described.

Birthdays are special in our house. This will be a fun book to use for young and old alike. We plan to try out the recipe -- looks like a good one.

If you are searching for the one spectacular book for celebrating birthdays, there isn't just one, there are zillions. In *A Birthday Cake Is No Ordinary Cake*, you will find the appeal of a cake making recipe, lessons in science, and just the sheer excitement of an interactive experience. You will come to appreciate the interactive cake recipe that lists all the ingredients needed for the cake, even including the first sunrise of your birthday day, the excitement of anticipating the events, and the joy-filled expressions on the birthday person's face. Whether you are a child, a teenager, a parent, or an old friend, you will all wait in anticipation as to how this extravaganza is accomplished on this special day; you will experience your "joie de vivre", joy of living, and make it through all the challenges and activities that a well-planned birthday holds. You will long remember this special day, and will want to do it again, and again, and again.....for each other. A birthday doesn't have to be a fiasco with chaos and craziness; you can control the events of this special day, if you make it simple and take the time to prepare and execute the plan for a wonderful day! Get in there, get this book, and get this birthday on your calendar, and....."Have a Happy Birthday!"

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