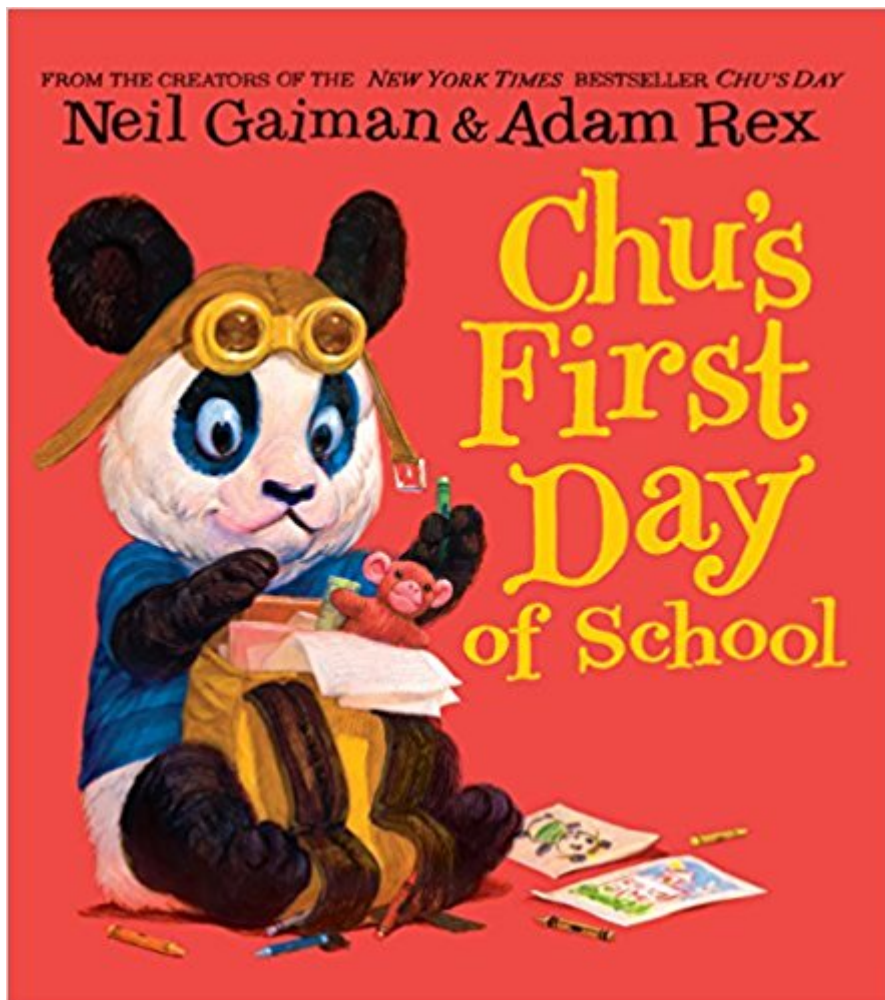


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Chu's First Day Of School Board Book



Synopsis

Chu's First Day of School is a perfect read-aloud story about the universal experience of starting school. Now this picture book adventure about the New York Times bestselling panda from Newbery Medal winner Neil Gaiman and acclaimed illustrator Adam Rex is available as a board book. Chu, the adorable panda with a great big sneeze, is heading off to his first day of school, and he's nervous. He hopes the other girls and boys will be nice. Will they like him? What will happen at school? And will Chu do what he does best?

Book Information

Lexile Measure: 480 (What's this?)

Board book: 36 pages

Publisher: HarperFestival; Brdbk edition (June 23, 2015)

Language: English

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Product Dimensions: 6.8 x 0.7 x 7.6 inches

Shipping Weight: 15.2 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.6 out of 5 stars 60 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #20,633 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #41 in [Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Friendship, Social Skills & School Life > First Day of School](#) #106 in [Books > Children's Books > Animals > Bears](#) #139 in [Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Family Life > New Experiences](#)

Age Range: 2 - 4 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

Customer Reviews

Baby/Toddler—Chu, a little panda with a disproportionately big sneeze, is all set for his first day of school. Like most kids, he's more than a little nervous, especially when the other kids seem to have talents and interests that make them shine. But Chu quickly realizes he's just as special. Rex's quaint, old-fashioned-type paintings place exotic animals into sweetly domestic settings, adding a slight irony and pairing well with Gaiman's spare but fun text.

Chu (first introduced in *Chu's Day*, 2013) is a little panda with a big sneeze. When the time comes to go to school, Chu is nervous. The teacher is nice, and the other animals are friendly, but

what will they make of his sneeze? As the rest of the class introduces themselves and shares their individual skills and talents, Chu is silent—until a cloud of chalk dust sets him off. His “AAAAaachooooooooo!” blows the roof of the schoolhouse right off. But the class takes the sinus explosion in stride, and Chu relaxes; things are going to be fine. Gaiman keeps Chu’s talent a secret, building tension leading up to the sneeze, and when it comes, Rex handles the big moment wordlessly. A pair of almost identical spreads show the tumbled, upside-down classroom, but while the first spread shows the other animals in stunned, post-sneeze silence, the second shows them erupting in enthusiastic support. Children apprehensive about how their own individualities will be met at school will find raucous, joyful comfort. **HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY:** Chu’s first outing became a New York Times best-seller, and his fans (and newcomers) will be lining up for this sequel. **Preschool-Grade 2.** --Thom Barthelmess --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

We were original a bit hesitate to read this to my daughter, since she really loves "Maisy goes to Preschool", and we did not want to bore her with a book about the preschool that she may not like. She. Loves. It! After first read, she pretended to sneeze like Chu for a week, and asked us to read Chu book every night before bed.

Neil is one of my favourite authors of adult work, so I was excited at a chance to introduce my daughter to his children’s work. I bought Chu’s Day and Chu’s First Day of School. She is still a baby, and for the first few months, they were a bit too much for her, but now at 9 months, Chu’s First Day of School is one of her two favourite books. She gets very excited when I pull it out, and she will carefully study every page and listen to every word I read with such enthusiasm and interest. She loves the pictures and the flow of the story. She loves to turn the pages by herself. We have a ton of books and this one stands out for her. :) She’ll enjoy it for entirely new reasons as she grows older, so we will keep coming back to this one for several years to come! It’s an adorable story of nervousness and acceptance and it has beautiful illustrations.

We have all three of the Chu’s books and they are all must nightly reads. My 3 year old loves to read Chu’s and acting out his parts.

The illustrations are just as wonderful as the first book, however, the story is just ok. It doesn’t hold my toddler’s attention as much as the first book.

This is my niece's absolute favorite book. She lives next door, so she visits frequently. Every time she is in my home she rushes to the bookshelf and asks me to read it with her. She is 4 years old and practically has the book memorized! I'm trying to teach her that each word on the page is made up of letters that create the sounds we speak as we read. Her favorite thing to do is the "Aaaah Aaaah Aaaachooooo!" part of the story.

I love Neil Gaiman, and my daughter loves this book. Enough said... One of our favorite books for sure. My daughter loves it every time we read it to her. This is serious literature for kiddos, and outstanding illustration work. You will be amazed. Get it today!

Seriously, I love this book! So look forward to reading it my child. It's funny, cute, and has a good lesson! The book is well written and the drawings match perfectly to style of writing and context of the book. What more can you want for a children's book?... Nothing :)

My daughter loves this book. Gaiman himself admitted the first book was the shortest he's ever written, and I think this book improves on it. The story is meatier, but delivers the same humor. The illustrations are beautiful, too. I would love to see a third in the series.

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