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A young child tries to find the perfect place to curl up with his new book in this hilarious and heartwarming tale. Scampering from his bedroom to the den, from the kitchen to the backyard, the young protagonist must dodge his baby sister's messes, race across a lawn full of spraying sprinklers, and more—all in his search for the best place to read! And where would that be? Mommy's lap, of course!

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## **The Best Place to Read Details**

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# From Reader Review The Best Place to Read for online ebook

## Laura G says

In rhymed verse, a boy searches to find a place to read. Running into obstacles, he settles on his mom's lap as the perfect spot. I couldn't agree more.

Could be used as a read aloud in a reading workshop to introduce a discussion about where we choose to read. (The page with Dad's chair really bothered me, though, as the rhythm did not fit with the rest of the book!)

A good read-aloud for establishing Independent Reading: Good readers think about where they will read.

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## Cheyenne says

Aw, pretty cute :) and I'm a sucker for kid's books that rhyme!

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## Viviane Elbee says

This is a really cute book, with an "aww" ending.

It has some funny parts, like the broken chair and the beanbag catastrophe. It also had some bad decision moments - reading under garden sprinklers?

Overall it's a good book for toddlers.

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## Stefanie Burns says

A young boy searches everywhere for a good place to read. He leaves many places that have things that should not be near books like food and water. In the end he finds the best spot...his Mommy's lap. Good for preschool aged children.

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## Ronda says

As a mom, I would give this book a 5. As a school librarian, I hesitate, but it is strictly for practical reasons. Between the sticky table and the sprinklers, we just described two of the primary reasons we lose books in our library-food and water damage. Now, getting past that, the book is a sweet rhyming story that really speaks to the part of me that misses cuddling up with my son to share a good story. It is such a precious time-one I wish more parents took advantage of. So, how to reconcile the cringe factor of damaged, moldy, sticky books with the overall message? Use the story as a intro for students who are just starting to take books

home or as a refresher and discuss the different scenes from a taking-good-care-of- books point of view. Can add good discussion of rhyming words as a added bonus.

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### **Magpie67 says**

Delightful book I picked just last night to read with a small boy that I was watching. I know I'm always looking for the best place to read especially when my children invade my location. But this little boy found that in the end it was his mother's lap that was the best place and of course they read the book together. What Joy! I'm a reading nut and I still love to read little kid books to myself and to other little kids. I certainly enjoyed my reading evening as I then read five more children books and one was Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day. This is my all time favorite kids book ever!!!! I use this phrase often when my days are going bad.....

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### **Judi says**

This is a great book for a Media Specialist to teach with at the beginning of the year. A boy is excited to have a book to read and tries various chairs in the house to find the right chair. There are some great teachable moments for finding a comfortable chair and what makes a place perfect to read in. But, too, there are great times to discuss book care. He goes to the table where younger sister went to have a messy snack. Another poor choice is sitting in the backyard reading when the sprinkler goes off. Oh the stories of danger from water damage to books. Cute picture book with rhyming stanzas.

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### **Jung-hsuan says**

We always tell kids reading is very important, but we never think about where they should read. The little boy in this book really want to read his book. So he tried to find a good place to read. Everywhere have something would bother him, except her mother's lap. This story also told us how important about parents accompany their children to read. Sometimes kids just looking to accompany him to do one thing together. So parents should spend more time with their children not only to read.

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### **Tam says**

My 4-year-old loves books and he loved this book about finding a good place to read. He laughed hysterically when . . . . the boy tried to fit into his chair (he's outgrown it); the dog wouldn't move out of grammy's cozy chair; the baby spilled juice on the table and made everything sticky; the boy sat in the grandpa's chair but a spring went BOING! sending the boy up in the air; the boy sat in his brother's bean bag chair but the beans fell out everywhere; the boy went outside on the lawn but the sprinklers turned on; and he loved when the boy finally ended up on his mother's lap to read a book.

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## **Amanda says**

The book is about a little boy who just got a new book that he is excited to read. The only problem is that he is having a hard time finding someplace comfortable so he can read his book. He has all these things happen to him that make me not able to read in the places he thinks of. At the end of the story he asks his mom if he can sit on her lap and they can read the story together. This is a good book to show children that it is important to spend time reading with your family. Good illustrations.

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## **Channing Anderson says**

Children will love the sing-song quality and message in *The Best Place to Read* by Debbie Bertram and Susan Bloom. Following the steps of a boy bent on finding the perfect place to finally sit and read his book, this story shows just how important it is to find our own preferred place to read.

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## **Alys Munoz says**

- It helps students pick an area for them to read and write independently
- Make Predictions of what is going to happen next
- Think Aloud to brainstorm about what to write
- Persuasive Writing

TEKS:

(20) Writing/Persuasive Texts. Students write persuasive texts to influence the attitudes or actions of a specific audience on specific issues. Students are expected to write persuasive statements about issues that are important to the student for the appropriate audience in the school, home, or local community.

(14) Reading/Comprehension of Informational Text/Expository Text. Students analyze, make inferences and draw conclusions about and understand expository text and provide evidence from text to support their understanding. Students are expected to:

(A) identify the main idea in a text and distinguish it from the topic

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## **Xisa Dove says**

The little boy in story got a new book to read. He is trying to find a comfy spot to read his new book. He tries different areas in the house, but can't find a good spot to read. He tries the couch, but the dog took up the couch. The kitchen table is too messy, and Daddy's chair is too chilly. The book is almost poem like and has appealing pictures. The book shows a child's love for reading and shared reading with his mom. It's a great book for kids.

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## **Kathy says**

The part about the sticky table and the sprinklers bothered me. Books should not be around those things.

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**Shira Burns says**

Use this book when discussing with young children the best places to read-to-self.

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