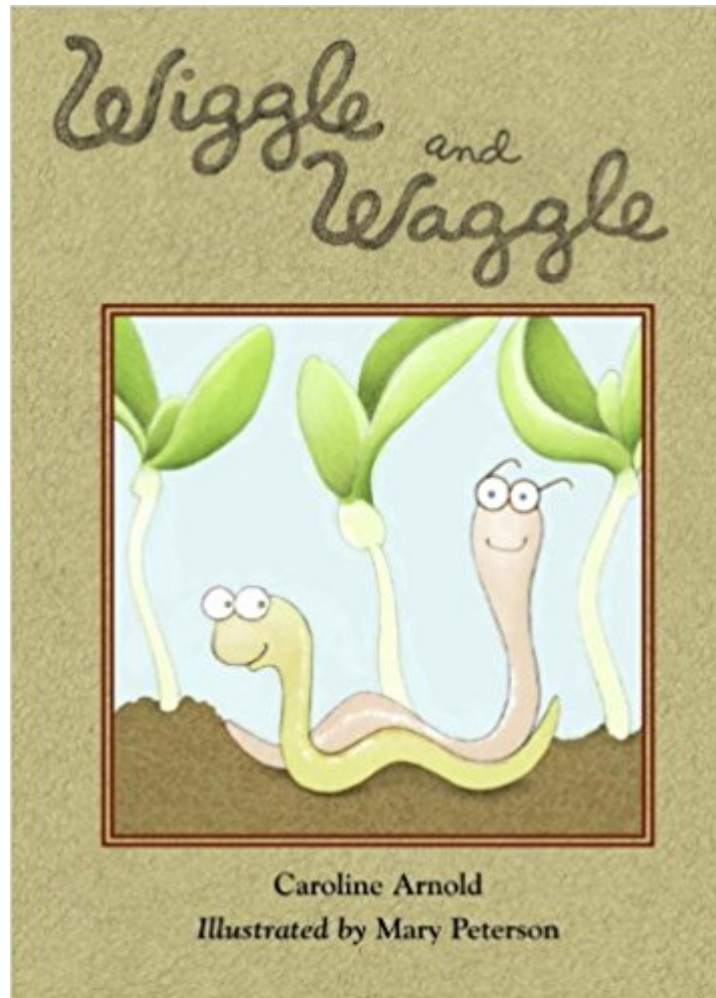




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# Wiggle And Waggle



## Synopsis

"We wiggle and waggle, squiggle and squirm, Digging in the dirt is the life of a worm. We dig and we sing all day long, Our wiggly, waggly, gardening song." Follow Wiggle and Waggle, two wormy best friends, through five wormy chapters as they dig in the dirt, work hard, and have fun swimming and singing. Beginning readers will dig the simple science facts included at the end of this charming book.

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## Customer Reviews

The eponymous heroes of this early reader are two genial, googly-eyed earthworms who are also best friends. In five short chapters, Wiggle and Waggle (the latter, distinguished by a pair of glasses) learn that singing makes a job go faster; a difficult task "moving a big rock out of a tunnel" is made easier when individuals work together; and a rainy day needn't be a spoiler if you have an upbeat outlook. Arnold's (Super Swimmers) writing has an easygoing cadence and just the right amount of repetition (They dug long tunnels, short tunnels, fat tunnels, and thin tunnels), although her wrap-ups for each story can be fairly anticlimactic (after a day of singing and digging tunnels, Waggle muses, We are a good team.... Let's dig again tomorrow). Peterson (No Time to Nap!) is all-around terrific, tightly cropping her environments to keep the action focused on her

characters and conveying a sense of contrasting scale (an unharvested carrot dwarfs the two worms). As for the two leads themselves, they're spunky, comically gangly and just vulnerable enough to be adorable. For youngsters smitten by this duo, a list of facts about worms and how they contribute to a healthy garden concludes this cheery collection. Ages 5-8. (July) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Here comes another buddy duo, that narrative staple in the world of easy readers. This time it's a pair of worms, Wiggle and Waggle. Four short stories chronicle their adventures. In the amusing "A Digging Song," the worms find digging hard work, so they make up a song: "We wiggle and waggle, squiggle and squirm; Digging in dirt is the life of the worm." The second chapter is a little flat, just moving a rock. But things pep up in the last two vignettes, where the worm buddies go for a picnic (dirt rolls!) and tunnel out their names. Longer than some easy readers, such as Mo Willems' recent titles about Elephant and Piggie, this will give new readers a bit of a challenge. The artwork, done in earth tones, of course, features two goofy, google-eyed worms. Good quality paper and an attractive design add to the book's pick-me-up quotient. Cooper, Ilene --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This book has been a gem in our classroom. The children (ages 2-6) love the song, and sing it when we are outside digging in the dirt. I love this author, this book, the song, and the illustrations. The bonus is that children see and learn what worms do underground for gardens! Thank you Caroline!

A darling book.

My daughter loves this book. The song is so catchy. We sing it all the time. Really a cute story.

Cute book. My boys won't put it down.

I ordered this book for my nephew. He loves it! Still one of his favorite books. He plays a lot in the dirt, like most boys. Not always being real nice to the earthworms. Since he got this book he treats them much better. :) Plus he now has learned so much about how beneficial they are.

My four year old grandson loves this book. It has become a "must read" every night. Not many books can hold their attention that long. We first found it at the local library and he cried when it had to be returned so it became a must for his home library. Great book.

This 48-page book--sized for small hands-- contains five simple but fun stories about worm pals, Wiggle and Waggle. The stories, gently told and illustrated, deal with classic situation faced by toddlers (and, I imagine, toddler worms): Singing to make you work go faster (a variation on "whistle while you work"), the importance of teamwork (moving a big rock in the garden they tend), making the best of a bad situation (holding their picnic under a pail when the weather turns rainy), and a celebration of friendship (with a great surprise conclusion). Mary Peterson's high/low tech illustrations (pencil and paper, but painted via computer combine to give us the intimacy of the former, with the clarity of the latter. There's lots of white space around text and picture, and the repetition of words reduce the cognitive load, and truly make this a fun read. Each of Caroline Arnold's stories has a little extra something including contrasts {"Wiggle sang the high notes. Wiggle sang the high notes," and lots of adjectives" as in the following: Waggle sang the Low notes, and lots of adjectives as on the following: ("They dug long tunnels, short tunnels, fat tunnels, and thin tunnels.") Each worm is loveable on his/her own terms, but these two adorable worms (and how often can one say that?) but Arnold and Peterson show how two are often better than one. Wiggle and Waggle's teamwork, shared laughter, and acceptance of the unexpected provide a safe environment in which a friendship can flourish, as surely as worms help sustain and nurture garden plants. With its soft colors this is a soothing and softly humorous books for infants and toddlers ready to face the challenges of social life. The last page has two interesting sections: "How Do Worms Help Plants Grow?" and "Fun Worm Facts" that nicely complement the stories. Highly recommended.

Wiggle and Waggle live in a garden and work all day long making loops around the plants. They decided to sing to make their work easier because making tunnels in the ground was very hard work. One day Wiggle was digging away and forgot, as usual, to look where he was going and BUMP! He crashed into a rock. With his friend Waggle's help they worked and worked and worked and got that rock out of the way. The two of them had many adventures together. There was the picnic under the bucket on a rainy day (including mud pie), swimming in the mud puddle (SPLASH!), slipping and sliding through the tunnel to write their names and promising to do it all again next year!"We wiggle and waggle, squiggle and squirm. Digging in dirt is the life of a worm. We dig and we sing all day long, Our wiggle, waggly, gardening song." This is a fun book for the beginning, but

confident reader and will keep him smiling and singing along with Wiggle and Waggle, enjoying their fun adventures right along with them. This book has five chapters and could be a read aloud book in a classroom or homeschool setting. In the back of the book is a short discussion on how "worms help plants grow" and some fun worm facts. Now one worm fact is that singing did make things easier for Wiggle and Waggle!

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