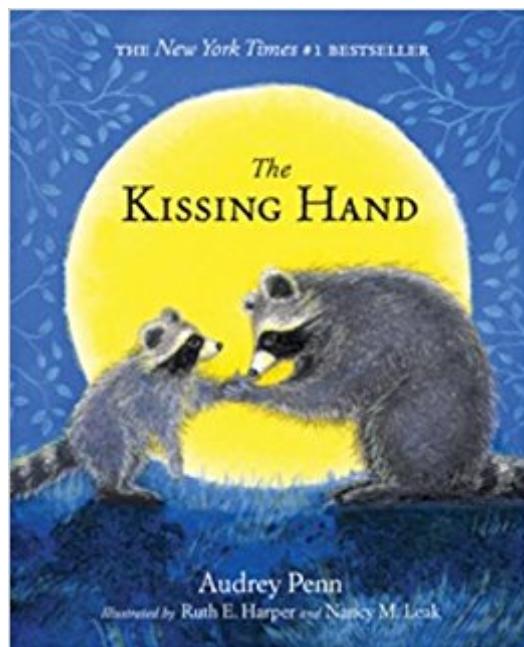


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# The Kissing Hand (The Kissing Hand Series)



## **Synopsis**

School is starting in the forest, but Chester Raccoon does not want to go. To help ease Chester's fears, Mrs. Raccoon shares a family secret called the Kissing Hand to give him the reassurance of her love any time his world feels a little scary. Since its first publication in 1993, this heartwarming book has become a children's classic that has touched the lives of millions of children and their parents, especially at times of separation, whether starting school, entering daycare, or going to camp. It is widely used by kindergarten teachers on the first day of school. Stickers at the back will help children and their parents keep their Kissing Hand alive.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Chester Raccoon doesn't want to go to school--he wants to stay home with his mother. She assures him that he'll love school--with its promise of new friends, new toys, and new books. Even better, she has a special secret that's been in the family for years--the Kissing Hand. This secret, she tells him, will make school seem as cozy as home. She takes her son's hand, spreads his tiny fingers into a fan and kisses his palm--smack dab in the middle: "Chester felt his mother's kiss rush from his hand, up his arm, and into his heart." Whenever he feels lonely at school, all he has to do is press his hand to his cheek to feel the warmth of his mother's kiss. Chester is so pleased with his Kissing

Hand that he--in a genuinely touching moment--gives his mom a Kissing Hand, too, to comfort her when he is away. Audrey Penn's *The Kissing Hand*, published by the Child Welfare League of America, is just the right book for any child taking that fledgling plunge into preschool--or for any youngster who is temporarily separated from home or loved ones. The rough but endearing raccoon illustrations are as satisfying and soothing for anxious children as the simple story. (Ages 5 and older) --Karin Snelson --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

In her foreword to Penn's sugary tale about Chester, a young raccoon who would rather stay at home than go to school, Jean Kennedy Smith notes that the story is "for any child who confronts a difficult situation, and for the child within each of us who sometimes needs reassurance." Its obvious message is delivered by Mrs. Raccoon, who tells her son that "I know a wonderful secret that will make your nights at school seem as warm and cozy as your days at home." She then kisses his palm, and Chester feels the kiss "rush from his hand, up his arm, and into his heart." Whenever he gets lonely, she advises, he is to press his hand to his cheek and "that very kiss will jump to your face and fill you with toasty warm thoughts." As it may for youngsters in comparable situations, this "secret" works for Chester, who in turn kisses his mother's palm so that she, too, will be reassured. Sprinkled with hearts and flowers, Harper and Leak's paintings of the raccoons and their woodland habitat are pleasant if sentimental. Ages 3-8. Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Hardcover edition.

This was a childhood favorite of mine. My mom used to read it every year before school, and we still do the kissing hand every once in a while. When I found out one of my high school friends was having a baby this book immediately came to mind. I ordered it right away and wrote a little note for him. This is such a special and comforting book I highly recommend it!

I read this book to my children a lot as they were starting to head off to a preschool routine, and they make a perfect gift for friends now that they are having children; they still remember it now that they are in high school. If you're looking for a book to read with your younger kids, or as a gift for someone with a small child, my family and I would certainly recommend this one.

I purchased this book for my newborn granddaughter. I used to read this book to my daughter, her mother, when she was a child. It is a wonderful story about a mother's love for her child when the child is afraid to begin a new chapter of his or her life without a parent being with them all the time.

When the baby raccoon is afraid to start school, the mother raccoon tells him a story about how much she loves him and will always be with him. When he becomes afraid, all he has to do is open his hand and his mother's kiss will be in his palm. An easy and heartwarming story.

Sweet story with amazing pictures and wonderful message. Great for any little one who is apprehensive about starting school or being away from home. The package came with a CD as well. A nice touch, but we have enjoyed the book much more. Recommend

I bought this book to read to my daughter as she was struggling with going to preschool. She was fine once she got in the building but had a terrible time getting her out of the car to go in. This book is so sweet and has been a favorite since we read it the first time. The kissing hand has now become a tradition with my youngest daughter and I, she is now able to read it to me (she's in 2nd grade now). I highly recommend this book to calm the first day jitters. ☺☺☺☺☺

This book has been great for my preschooler that doesn't like school. I gave it to him as a Valentine's present with a special message written inside. He is very shy and the school environment has been overwhelming. He had so much joy and magic in his eyes when I read this book to him for the first time and acted out his own kissing hand and seemed content with going to school (we are halfway thru the school year and he has dreaded every day). I asked how his day was at school and he said he told his friends about his kissing hand in excitement. We read it again tonight and he was just as overjoyed letting his kissing hand reassure him that everything is ok. Love this wonderful book!

This is such a wonderful story for children dealing with separation anxiety, or even just a nice message to help children feel secure when going to school for the first time, or even daycare. This even has the stickers in it as well which is a cute touch. My son really enjoyed this book and its a classic that I will read to my younger children as well. Don't think they will understand it at 2 years old.. but I def think at 3 they will.

My 3 year old and I do this together now:) It's very sweet. He spends some time with his dad and that is why I got this book, but was pleasantly surprised that it helps with him starting pre-school too!

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