

Which Shoes Would You Choose?
By Betsy R. Rosenthal. Illus. by Nancy Cote.

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This picture book invites children to enjoy a shoe-themed guessing game as they follow a boy named Sherman through his day. The question-and-answer text alternates between two types of queries. The first asks "Which shoes does he choose?" A situation is described, followed by an answer and a reason for the choice. The second sort of question begins with the last shoes chosen and asks if they are worn in an amusingly inappropriate situation ("Does Sherman wear skates when he goes out to eat?"). The answer shows how the footwear is really worn. The questions are sure to garner responses from individual children or story hour crowds, who will also enjoy shouting, "Of course not," once they figure out when to expect it. Almost cartoon-like in their simplicity, the pleasant gouache and watercolor-pencil drawings feature tousle-haired Sherman sporting an extraordinarily large wardrobe of footwear: slippers, flippers, flip-flops, hiking boots, galoshes, roller skates, dress shoes, tennis shoes, and sneakers. Nicely designed for reading aloud.

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