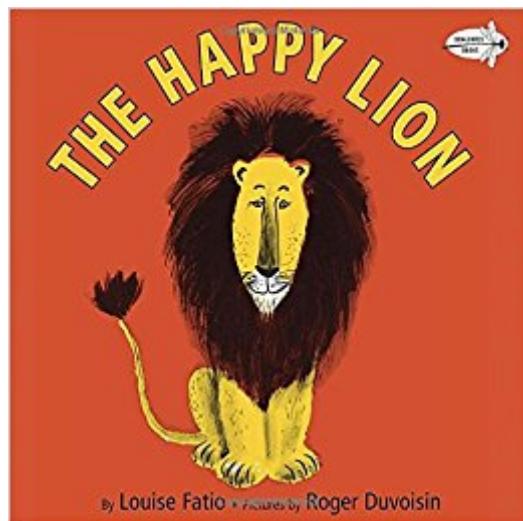


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# The Happy Lion



## Synopsis

The lion at the little French zoo is a favorite of all the townspeople. Every day they stop by to feed him tidbits and say, "Bonjour, Happy Lion." Naturally, when the lion finds his door open, he decides it would only be proper to visit all his friendly neighbors in return. But, wait! Why is everyone fleeing in terror? Louise Fatio's timeless tale about friendship still sparkles and Roger Duvoisin's elegant illustrations are as engaging as ever in this 50th Anniversary edition.

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## Customer Reviews

A friendly lion in a small French zoo enjoys the visits of the townspeople who stop by each day to say "Bonjour, Happy Lion." So one day, when the zoo keeper forgets to close the lion's door, the Happy Lion decides to return the visits to all the nice people of the town. To his amazement, as he strolls through the town his friends scream and run from him, the police and fire brigade are called, and people cower in their shops or houses. How a small boy saves the day concludes a wonderfully satisfying story that is just the right length for bedtime or anytime. At age 50, "The Happy Lion continues to charm and delight and Alfred A. Knopf is proud to reissue it for today's young children.

--This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Louise Fatio collaborated with her famous illustrator husband, Roger Duvoisin, on *The Happy Lion*, one of the most beloved stories of the mid-20th century. Long unavailable, it was reissued in a hardcover edition to celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2004. She was born in Switzerland in 1904 and died in New Jersey in 1993. Roger Duvoisin, a Caldecott Medal winner, wrote and illustrated 40 books, including those featuring Veronica the conspicuous hippopotamus and Petunia the silly goose. He collaborated with his wife, Louise Fatio, on nine more *Happy Lion* stories. He was born in Switzerland in 1904 and died in New Jersey in 1980.

Very cute book. Don't want to spoil so stop reading if you don't want particulars....about a lion who experiences a different reaction from the townspeople who visit him everyday while in a cage versus when he accidentally gets out, save one young boy. Think it teaches a great lesson about acceptance and how we can all be prone to intolerance which is born out of irrational fear. Reminds me of Petunia and Veronica books.

My kids current favorite book! Such a darling story and the art work is captivating. We love it and enjoy it over and over.

I have an obscene amount of children's books and this is one of my favorites. It fun to read, the story is cute and my kiddo likes it too.

Loved this when I was a kid, love reading it again to my neices and nephews!

Sweet, sweet story and lovely illustrations.

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One of my grandchildren's favorites!

A classic children's book whose story and illustrations will stay with a child through life.

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