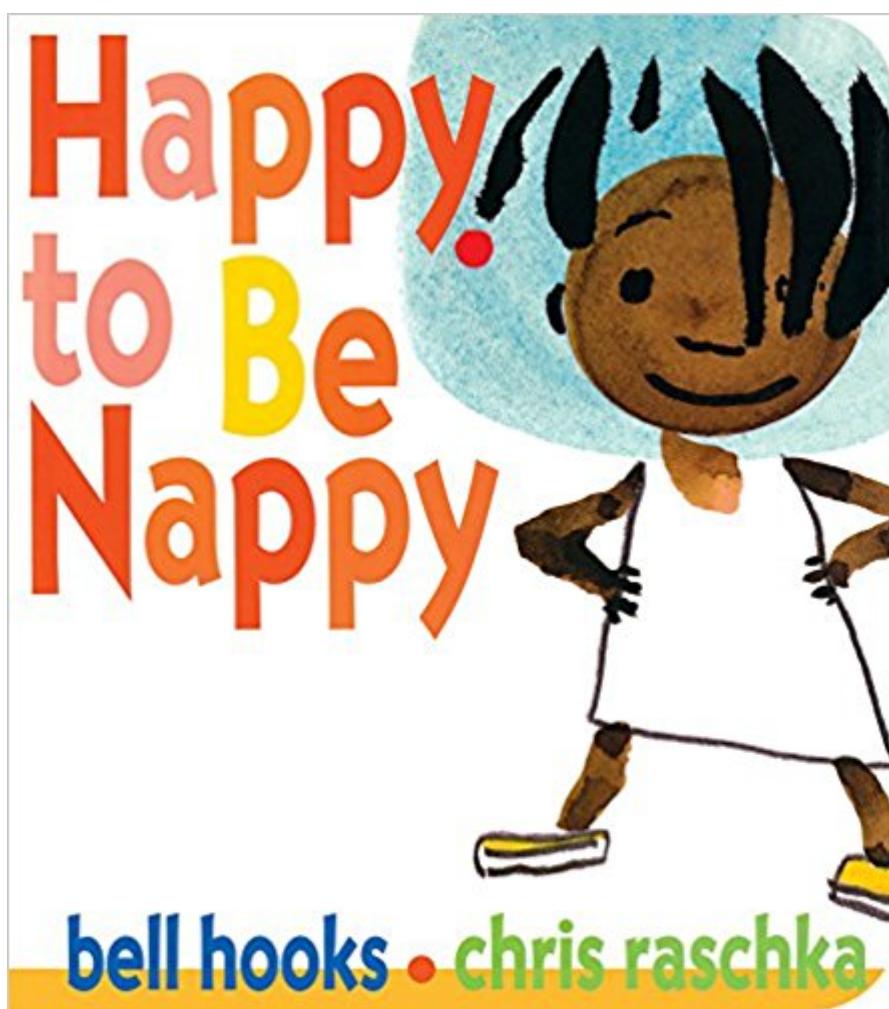


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# Happy To Be Nappy (Board Book)

## Happy To Be Nappy



## Synopsis

Happy to be nappy! Happy with hair all short and strong. Happy with locks that twist and curl. Just all girl happy! Happy to be nappy hair! Legendary author bell hooks and Caldecott Medalist Chris Raschka present a lyrical celebration, brimming with enthusiasm for girls and their hair. Nominated for an NAACP Image Award, this stunning picturebook is now available again in board book form. Praise for Happy to Be Nappy: Image Award nomination, 2001 -National Association for the Advancement of Colored People \* "A powerful, uplifting and, above all, buoyantly fun read-aloud." -Publishers Weekly, starred review "[Happy to Be Nappy] has a free-wheeling joy that is admirably captured by illustrator Raschka." -Bulletin for the Center of Children's Books "The big daubs of background color seem to dance and spin with the figures, visual music to match the verbal." -Kirkus Reviews "[Chris Raschka's] illustrations bring out the spirit behind hooks's writing and have great child appeal." -School Library Journal "[S]tellar illustrations." -The Horn Book "[A]dults and small children will enjoy sharing the joyful words and the playful color wash pictures with thick black lines." -Booklist

## Book Information

Board book: 32 pages

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Age Range: 2 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

## Customer Reviews

Renowned feminist and social critic bell hooks takes on... hair! "Hair for hands to touch and play! Hair to take the gloom away." This rhythmic read-aloud is, on the surface, all about hair: nappy,

plaited, long, short, natural, twisted, "soft like cotton, flower petal billowy soft, full of frizz and fuzz." Comb through the surface and find a celebration of childhood and girls and the freedom to express individuality. The rituals implied in the book are rooted in the traditions of hooks's own childhood, when "doing" hair was just as much an excuse for girls to laugh and tell stories and just be together. Going still deeper is the much-needed message encouraging girls to love and accept themselves (and others) just the way they are. In bell hooks's first venture into children's books, she wisely teams up with Caldecott Honor-winning illustrator Chris Raschka (*Yo! Yes?, Mysterious Thelonious*). Raschka's bold paint strokes on a color wash background are strikingly original--a perfect match for the exuberant text. This beautiful picture book will surely make any reader, young or old, happy to be nappy--and anyone who raved or ranted over Carolivia Herron and illustrator Joe Cepeda's *Nappy Hair* will welcome this joyful, celebratory book. (Click to see a sample spread. Text copyright 1999 by bell hooks. Illustrations copyright 1999 by Chris Raschka. With permission of Jump at the Sun/Hyperion Books for Children.) (Ages 3 and older) --Emilie Coulter --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This joyous ode to hair may well restart conversations that began last year with the controversy over Carolivia Herron's *Nappy Hair*. Bubbling over with affection, and injecting a strong self-esteem boost for girls, hooks's ebullient, poetic text celebrates the innate beauty and freedom of hair that's "soft like cotton,/ flower petal billowy soft, full of frizz and fuzz." Waxing poetic about "short tight naps" or "plaited strands all," hooks conjures all the lovely varieties of hairstyles that "let girls go running free." She sings the praises of "girlpie hair," subtly reinforcing her theme with a chorus of descriptive words like "halo" and "crown." She also evokes the intimate warmth of mother-daughter timeA"sitting still for hands to brush or braid and make the day start hopefully." A powerful, uplifting and, above all, buoyantly fun read-aloud, the text receives a superb visual interpretation by Raschka (*Like Likes Like*). A master of minimalism, he works here in nuanced, impressionistic watercolors and suggests his subjects with a quick stroke of the brush here, a graceful sweep of line there. Bolstering the theme of individuality, he provides softly shaded washes of varying hue that set off the dazzling array of hairstyles like an aura and create a rhythmic flow of color across the pages. Broad swoops conjure curls and braids, quick stripes of colors make barrettes, and tiny dots create beads. Though clearly of particular interest to African-American girls, the infectious energy and spirit of this volume will appeal to all readers. Ages 4-8. (Sept.) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I buy any bell hooks children's books I can find. They teach young children self-love and are a must in a classroom library.

We were so excited to find this book available through ! It is a classic, simple and uplifting book by renowned feminist author Bell Hooks. It has a very interesting pentameter, and the text is in CURSIVE, which allows my bigger kids to practice reading in the soon to be "lost Script". My littlest one loves this book, especially the illustrations!

Great story telling.

I thought this book was going to be more of a story about one little girl, but it has images of various girls with different hair types and describes the various hair types and how they can be styled. I have a one-year-old who I want to grow up to be self-assured. I believe books such as Happy to Be Nappy, coupled with her father's and my love and support, will help build the confidence she needs to be comfortable in her skin. The only reason I rated this with a 4 out of 5 stars is because of one line in the book that reads, "...all kinks gone." I embrace kinks, so I could have done without that part. Thanks to the author, artist and publisher.

I order and sent this book to a friend who runs a day care center. The children love this book and the girls have a reference they can identify with.

#### GREAT ESTEEM BUILDER FOR THE GRANDKIDS

This is a great story for young girls of color. This book instills feeling of confidence for girls who might not be of the "norm" - white with straight hair. hooks writes this with passion that only reinforces the confidence in any young girl.

Cute book!Great pictures!My 7 year old has "nappy" hair but I am trying to make her see the beauty in her natural hair though great books like this.Would recommend to anyone with children on color.

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