

# PRAISE! Critical Acclaim! BUZZ!

## IT'S A SEASHELL DAY

**Kirkus Reviews:** “[B]eautifully rendered illustrations....bring to life the magic of the day. The closing spreads are visually exquisite....A charming beach-day book to share with a young child beginning to show interest in the natural world.”

**School Library Journal:** “This book's illustrations are truly gorgeous....A delightful purchase, perfect for sharing in the summertime and piquing little ones' curiosity.”

**Manhattan Book Review:** “Dianne Ochiltree gives readers a lovely story with characters we can care about, and with perfect meter and rhyme. The mixed-media illustrations are absolutely charming. [T]his is an ideal book for the pre-school crowd.”

**Midwest Book Review:** “The perfect picture book for children ages 3 to 7, “It's a Seashell Day” is very highly recommended for family, preschool, elementary school, and community library collections.”

**Tomorrow's Child Magazine (Montessori Foundation):** “...a great little book about a child's day at the beach with mom. The illustrations are realistic and gentle. The story rhymes and has a nice poetic quality about it. It is a lovely book for children ages 3-7...”

**Feathered Quill Book Reviews:** “A charming story that warms both heart and soul. Add this one to your home library.”

**Critical Blast:** “Kreloff's imagery is vibrant....Ochiltree's prose are lyrical, poetic....It takes immense talent to squeeze so much into just 32 pages. There's a captivating story, lovely drawings, and lessons to learn, in a fun way, about the wide, wonderful world. There's nothing better than a book that is immensely fun, brilliantly entertaining, and a teaching tool.”

**Through the Looking Glass Children's Book Reviews:** “This picture book perfectly captures the simple joy that a child feels when he or she goes shell hunting on the beach.”

**MyShelf.com:** “[A] delightful and beautifully illustrated story....Ochiltree's rhyming verses are a joy to read...children will come back to them again and again. *It's a Seashell Day* is a pure delight—a great book to take along on vacations....destined to be among many children's “most cherished” books.”

**The Friendly Book Nook:** “My class and I enjoyed this book so much. [T]he story is sweet and you can get lost in the illustrations. Since we are launching a new school-wide discipline framework using S.A.I.L. as our acronym, this book was perfect....The children all wanted to hold it and read it for themselves....a great book for young children...”

**Allison's Book Bag:** “*It's a Seashell Day*...will sweep you into the warm and cheerful world of sandy beaches. If you read aloud the simple rhyming couplets, and gaze at the bright exquisite illustrations, you'll feel as if [you're] right there with [the] main character and his mom while they collect seashells. This charming picture book also has educational value, teaching about numbers and about nature. The straightforward narrative rings true to that of a young boy full of eagerness and curiosity.”

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