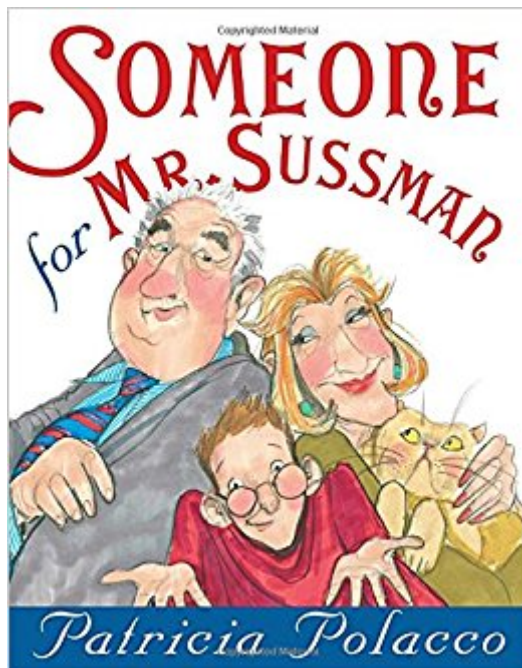


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Someone For Mr. Sussman



Synopsis

Jerome's bubbie is a matchmaker—the greatest in the whole neighborhood. She even found a match for the Firesteins' son, and that was a miracle! She's found a match for everyone. Everyone except for Mr. Sussman—and herself, that is. But Mr. Sussman is impossible! "Too picky!" Jerome cautions Bubbie after each appointment. But Bubbie is determined to make this match, no matter what lengths she must go to. And in a satisfying and sweet conclusion, this comedy of errors proves Bubbie's motto: No pot is so crooked that there isn't a lid to fit it!

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Age Range: 6 - 8 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

Customer Reviews

Grade 2 — Jerome's stylish grandmother is a successful matchmaker with dozens of happy clients, the exception being Mr. Sussman. Jerome thinks that the man is too picky, but Bubbie is convinced that she can find him the perfect woman. "No pot is so crooked that there isn't a lid to fit it," she says. In fact, she decides that she's his match and makes drastic changes to prove it, to no avail. Finally, after giving up on trying to please Mr. Sussman, Bubbie ends up with exactly what she wanted all along. While the lengths to which she goes to win Mr. Sussman's affection are humorous, the story's theme may have little appeal to the elementary crowd. The narrative strikes the right note at the end with the message of staying true to oneself, but readers may lose interest

getting there. Polacco's characteristic pencil and watercolor illustrations seem less polished than in her many other finely detailed and crafted offerings. Sprinkled throughout are Yiddish words and references to Jewish traditions. •Beth Cuddy, Seward Elementary School, Auburn, NY
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In a good-humored tale with a thoroughly telegraphed ending, young Jerome watches his bubbie, Mrs. Zukin, a talented shadkhen (matchmaker), take on her greatest challenge. When old Mr. Sussman asks for a mate who keeps kosher, Jerome is sent off to borrow an extra set of dishes. When Sussman declares a fondness for the color blue, it's time for a shopping trip to the garment district. Then it's a baker he wants, then someone who likes to exercise—no, better, to dance. By this time Jerome's bubbie has not only lost her wide smile, she's positively “farkleempt” (as Polacco spells it), and angrily sends Sussman away. On his next visit, however, he finally gets the hint and sees Mrs. Zukin with new eyes. As Jerome puts it, “their wedding was the event of the neighborhood.” Polacco depicts characters and contemporary urban setting in bright, exuberantly brushed watercolors, rounding off the tale with a chaste smooch and smiles all around. Young readers will enjoy this, but the message is really addressed to their grandparents—at least the single ones. Grades 1-3. --John Peters

one of my favorite patricia polacco books. More light hearted and funny and less emotionally powerful but so charming in its own way. It's romantic too.

What a wonderful, cheerful book! Pretty much any book by Ms. Polacco is a treat and this one runs true to her style - both literary and artistic. I love to read this to my little great-nieces, they adore it. Highly recommended. Trust me, I'm a librarian.

I am a school teacher, and I love Polacco books! Great story and the book was in excellent condition! With limited resources, I was very happy to be able to add this book to my collection!

I have all her books and have never been disappointed. This is a other one I like to use in my Patricia Polacco unit.

This is the best author for children's books..her topics cover a wide variety of topics and kids always

learn from her lessons.

Jerome's Bubbie is a matchmaker: the best in the neighborhood. She's found a match for nearly everyone - except for Mr. Sussman and herself. But Mr. Sussman is impossible to match - and Bubbie is equally determined to find someone out there for him. A comedy of errors evolves.

This book made me smile the whole way through. It's a delightful tribute to the love between grandparents and grandchildren, between husbands and wives, even between cats! And it's a delightful portrayal of Jewish culture, or of any loving community, really. Highly recommended.

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