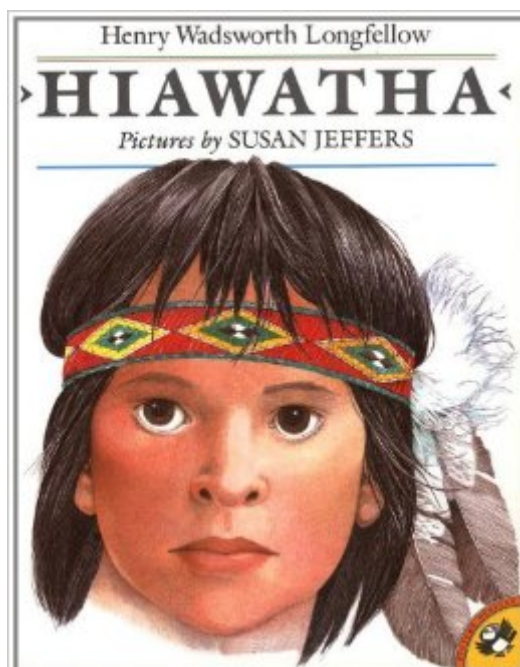


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# Hiawatha (Picture Puffins)



## Synopsis

A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year A Booklist Editor's Choice Rich in imagery and detail, this exquisitely rendered picture book introduces readers to one of America's favorite classic poems, "The Song of Hiawatha" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Illustrated by Susan Jeffers, the Caldecott-Honor winning author of Three Jovial Huntsmen, A Mother Goose Rhyme, this book beautifully weaves together oral traditions of American Indian culture and presents a charming and hypnotic account of Hiawatha's boyhood. Exquisite, detailed illustrations grace this picture book which presents the part of Longfellow's stirring poem dealing with Hiawatha's boyhood and his relationship to his grandmother, who teaches him about the ways of animals and the forces of nature. The illustrator's careful research on flora and fauna and woodland Indian culture is evident. Some of the poem's background is explained in a note at the beginning. This is truly a picture book for all ages. • "Children's Literature (emphasis added)

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

I have this poem memorized because my father recited it to me so many times as a child. This illustrated version has beautiful pictures that capture the fact that this is the story of child and

embody the lyric quality of Longfellow's poem.

Susan Jeffers' drawings exemplify the clarity and imagination of Longfellow's epic poem to a tee. A must have for every child's library, hopefully to be read over and over again.

"Hiawatha" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, with drawings by Susan Jeffers brings us a great poem with nice pictures. "By the shores of Gitche Gumee," begins Longfellow's famous poem, "Song of Hiawatha." Presented here, stanza-by-stanza, we read the delicious language of Hiawatha's story, from birth to teenage years. It is not the legend of an American Indian that makes it so inviting, or even Longfellow's excellent use of simple English. It is the story of a young boy who happens to be an American Indian. Any boy or girl, especially those growing up where winter nights are frosty, where pine trees whisper, and owls and owlets hoot and laugh, will enjoy the prosaic poem. It is like reading a walk through the woods. Longfellow's work is not the only strength on this edition. Susan Jeffers' drawings bring in artistic realism. Ultimately, the poem will be the lasting value, but it is available anywhere. It is public domain. It is the mix of art and poetry. I fully recommend "Hiawatha" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Anthony Trendleitor, HungarianBookstore.com

When my Utah-born grandson was here in Michigan, we talked about Lake Superior being the "Gitchee-gummi" of Longfellow's HIAWATHA. I have read to him this beautifully illustrated, tender story. The buyer was prompt and accurate in the description of the book.

children thrive on verse. it increases wonder, vocabulary and rhythm to their lives and dreams. jeffer's illustrations are fabulous and worth exploring while longfellow's tale is both ancient and current in it's message. my 3 year old grandson and i love it.

I love this lyrical children's story-poem and the beautiful illustrations contained within, but the cover is absolutely horrible! It looks like it was designed and printed on a home computer. If you want to give this book as a gift, find a different edition.

Hiawatha is a beautiful, richly detailed poem of Native Americans before the treachery of the white man overwhelmed their way of life. Susan Jeffers took each verse and created a breathtaking, artist's view of the young Hiawatha. Each verse becomes vibrantly alive with her delicate renditions. "By the shores of ..." and Nokomis fill the readers souls with new images because of the

renderings made by the talented Susan Jeffers.

I didn't know that the Puffins version did not have full color pictures, and so I was disappointed. I should have guessed that there was something different about this, since the price was so reasonable. Still, I should have been warned of the paperback quality of this purchase.

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