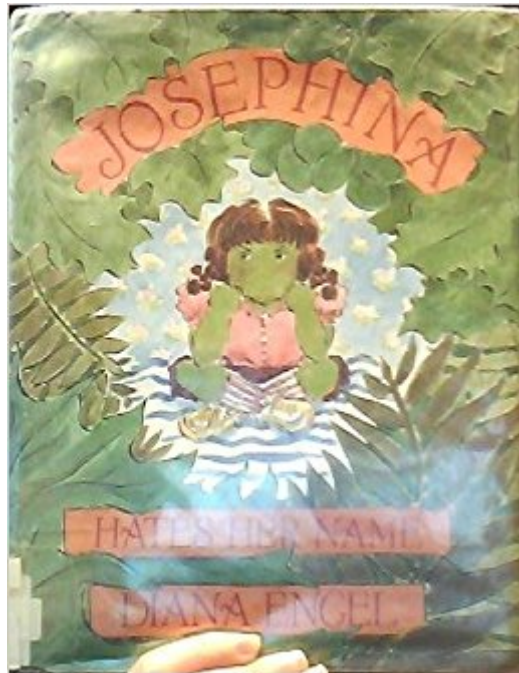




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Josephina Hates Her Name



Synopsis

After Grandma explains that she named Josephina after her talented, daring older sister, Josephina starts to appreciate her unusual name.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 3-- This lively and affectionate picture book continues the adventures of Josephina, first introduced in *Josephina, the Great Collector* (Morrow, 1988) . This time, the irrepressible alligator child wonders why she was saddled with such an ugly name. Then Grandma tells the story of her own feisty sister--named Josephina--who inspired her to courage and adventure. Engel's ink-and-watercolor illustrations are bursting with energy, drama, and delightful details of the alligators' home life. Josephina is a believable and completely realized child; her green alligator skin makes her more universally human than if she were shown as a girl of any particular race or class. Fortunately, Grandma's words do not solve things; instead they provide the stuff of fantasies and dreams that allows Josephina to leap time and distance to identify with her great-aunt. The story is rich with an understanding of the importance that family members have in each other's lives, whether they live in the same house or are separated by generations and continents. The pride that Josephina takes in her name at the end is genuine. This funny, insightful, and heart-warming book is perfect for reading aloud. --Carolyn Polese, Gateway Community School, Arcata, Calif. Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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When her grandmother explains the story behind Josephina's unusual name, she learns about her family heritage of strong and courageous women. Precious and relatable - every page is so richly illustrated with everyday home alligator-life that even the very small will be entranced. Diana Engel's nonna would be proud.

We originally got this book from the library and my 4 year old daughter liked it so much we went out and bought it on . It's a cute story and well illustrated. We recommend adding this to your collection as a story you'll re-read often.

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