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t's Farmer Brown's birthday, and the animals are deciding what they'll do for him on his special day.

"Cluck! I will give him eggs," said the hen. / Said the rooster, "I'll wake him in the mornings, then." / "Baa-aa, we'll give him wool," said the sheep. / "For our fleece is soft and warm and deep."

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Julia says

This was one of those ever-present Golden Books in my youth and one that like many others that were published revolved around the farm. Unlike many other ones the reader is introduced to the farmer first who is celebrating his birthday and doing so in such a fashion he then introduces the reader to his farm.

What was fun and enjoyable about this was the fact that even though it seems that farmer is celebrating by treating his animals as an adult reader I am wondering isn't this part of his chores anyway? But outside the adult musings this book had a small rhyming poem on each page as you were introduced to the animals and then of course the response of the animals to the kind treatment that they received in celebration of the farmer's birthday.

Like most of the Golden Book illustrations these ones are nice and brightly colored while keeping that nice realistic touch that the farm books are rather known for. As a result you really get to visit the farm as you allow young readers to read this book to you or if you read it to them (just to keep it fun as well as interactive have the children make the animal sounds before you read their answer).

Most definitely a fun and quick read as well as one that children who are learning to read should most assuredly enjoy.

Jamie says

I used to read this book (using animal voices for the horses and cows and sheep and chickens and rooster and cats and dog and ducks) to my kids when they were but wee. Then, we went to europe for seven years and left this book- almost all of our books- in storage. When we came back to the States and got our stuff out of storage, my older girls (20, 18, 16 and 12 at the time) dug "The Jolly Barnyard" out of a book box and all ran into our bedroom, hopped on the bed and said "Dad, read us The Jolly Barnyard!" What a joyous moment for me.

P.S. All six of my kids are readers- you bet!

Mandy J. Hoffman says

It's Farmer Brown's birthday and he is taking care of all his farm animals. The animals later share what they each will give Farmer Brown for his birthday.

This cute and colorfully illustrated book which is written in rhyme is a charming short story for little children to enjoy. It is a good book for the children who love farm stories or for those who want to introduce their children to farm animals.

Kimberly says

This is a good book for teaching barnyard terms, rhyme, and charting. Each animal got x food and gave each

gift.

Chris says

My Grandma read this book to me as a child in the 50's, I read it to my kids in the 80's and now to my grandkids. It has also been released as The Happy Farm Animals. It has wonderful rhyming verse and beautiful illustrations, plus it teaches all the farm animals and their sounds. I know the words by heart and so do my kids.

Brittney says

"The Jolly Barnyard" is a wonderful story for young readers. It takes the reader on a tour of a farm. Animal noises and scenes are present throughout this short story. I would share this with a young class. It would keep the attention of the little ones.

Darlene says

This has been a favorite since I was a young child, and is a favorite for my children as well

Lauren says

Nice book for little ones.

Robert Beveridge says

Annie North Bradford, *The Jolly Barnyard* (Golden Press, 1950)

Now, this one...I'm not entirely sure what to say about it. In the 1950s, it probably went by without anyone batting an eyelash, but in 2013, I'm kind of amazed that some of the more nutbaggish animal-rights groups haven't been all over this book. The storyline is relatively simple: on the farmer's birthday, he goes out and gives all the animals a treat, and then they have a quick confab about how each of them can give back. Most of it is about what you'd expect (the horses will pull the wagon with extra vigor, the cow will work on high-quality milk, etc), but then you get to Mr. Turkey, who, he alleges, will never be so proud as when he offers up his neck to the axe. Though, granted, it is not put quite so crudely (he mentions "decorat[ing] his Thanksgiving table"), but still, you can see where *They Who Shall Not Be Named* would have a huge problem with the idea that an animal would go willingly to the slaughter. It raised my eyebrows, and the only thing I like better than turkey on Thanksgiving is stuffing scooped straight outta the bird (and fie on those who tell me I'm courting food poisoning). If you are affiliated with, or sympathetic to, said nutbaggish animal-rights groups, check this one out of the library before deciding whether you want to add it to the permanent collection; everyone else, harvest a pound or so of cranberries before cracking this one open. You may need them. ** ½

Samantha says

The Jolly Barnyard was originally published in 1950. So its illustrations are bit old, but good. The storyline is silly but interesting. All the barnyard animals get together and think of nice things they can do for Farmer Browns birthday. This is a good book to use to talk about being nice and helpful.

Avery Snipes says

I enjoyed reading this book and liked how the author described all the animals jobs on the farm.

P.S. Winn says

Kids will love this fun story as the animals decide what they are going to do for Farmer Brown's Birthday.

Victoria says

Ian likes anything with animals, but I have to laugh everytime I read this. "Gosh, that farmer is great. He takes such good care of us. He can eat me and my children!!"

Amanda says

I don't know what children love about books with animals, but my toddler loves this one. We read it multiple times a day.

Sara says

This was easy to read and a fun way to introduce barn animals to kids. Very lovely story and beautiful illustrations.
