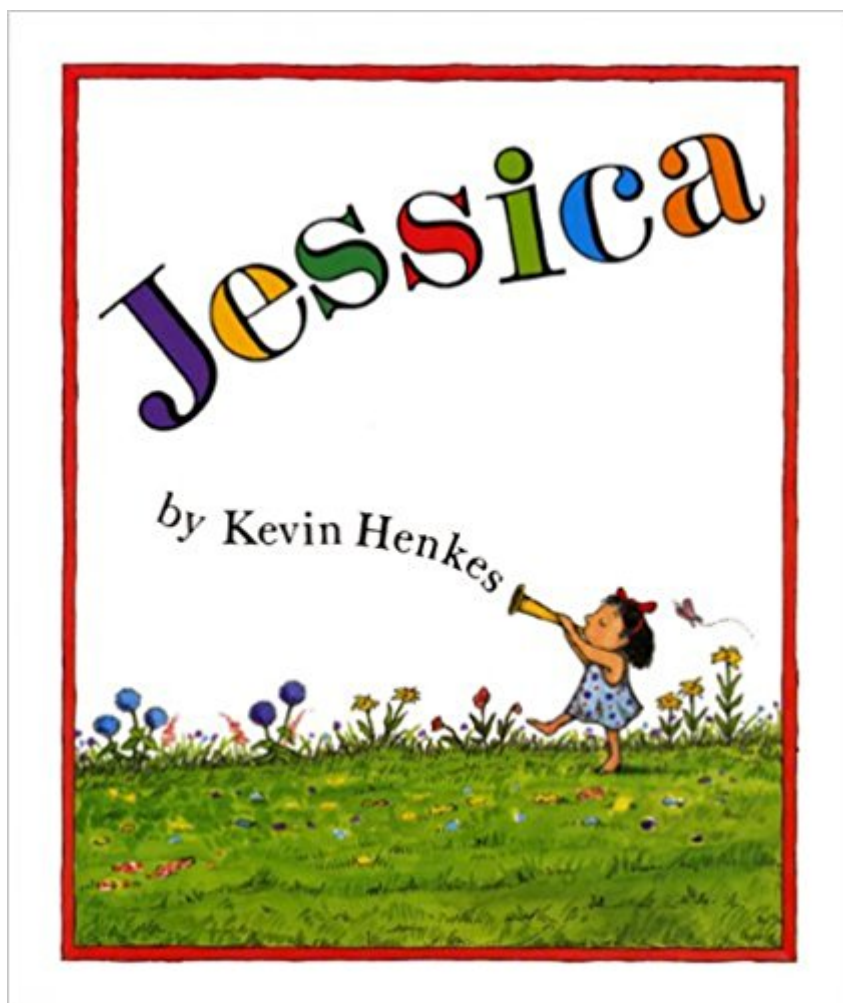


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Jessica



Synopsis

"There is no Jessica," said Ruthie's parents. But of course there was. She ate with Ruthie, played with Ruthie, and was sorry when Ruthie was bad. Nobody could see Jessica -- except Ruthie. When it came time for Ruthie to go to school, Jessica went with her. Her parents hoped Ruthie would find a friend at school who would replace Jessica. They were in for a (happy) surprise!

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Customer Reviews

Much to her parents' chagrin, 5-year-old Ruthie has a devoted invisible friend named Jessica. When Ruthie accidentally spills juice, Jessica gladly takes the blame. When Ruthie's parents plan to hire a baby sitter and go to a movie, Jessica gets a tummy ache and needs them to stay home. "There is no Jessica," her parents keep insisting. "But Ruthie knew there was," the author keeps repeating. Kevin Henkes's Popsicle-colored watercolors and detailed pen-and-ink drawings invite us into Ruthie and Jessica's fantasy world. Through his handwritten cartoon dialogue, we are privy to their tender conversations and confidences. When it's time to start kindergarten, Ruthie's father suggests that Jessica stay home. But of course Ruthie brings Jessica anyway. On that fateful day we discover what Ruthie knew all along--there really is a Jessica! Children who believe in imaginary playmates will find their soul mate in Ruthie. And parents who fret over the isolation of an absorbing

imaginary life will find comfort in the story's happy ending. All families will appreciate the twists of fate that allow a child's fantasy world to joyfully overlap into the real one. School Library Journal Best Book of the Year, Horn Book Fanfare Honor List, IRA/CBC Children's Choice, American Bookseller Pick of the Lists. (Ages 3 and older) --Gail Hudson --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Jessica, a friend only Ruthie can see, follows Ruthie to school on the first day of kindergarten. "Henkes never falters as he outlines the logic and reasoning behind Ruthie's affection for her invisible playmate," said PW. Ages 5-up. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I found the storyline very interesting. A great description of the history of Australia. The Aboriginal people were really treated badly, the author outlined a very factual picture of these people and the story about Jessica was spellbinding. I highly recommend this book for those interested in historical novels. If you have not as yet read books by Bryce Courtenay, you have by-passed a very good writer. His audio books are very well narrated, don't miss out on the opportunity to get to know the works of this very talented author.

The beginning part of this book is compelling and well written, right up to the point where Jessica brings Billy to the courthouse. From there the story devolves into a soap opera of changing allegiances and motivations between characters. Author ends up having to explain things to the audience. Still if there had been a good editor around I think this books would have been salvageable. There are sparks of good writing and plot throughout. I bought this book because I enjoyed *The Power of One*; Jessica is not at the level of *The Power of One*.

The Cinderella plot is embedded in turn-of-the-20th-century life in outback Australia. Jessica is the exceptional woman and tragic figure of the story. Her adversities and victories reveal the racial and social injustices of the period. Courtney is as enthralling as ever.

Of all the many books I've read this one ranks as in my "top ten" of best books. The story line was original and portrayed not as a fairy tale type happy ending but as most in real life experience.

Having just rediscovered reading, I must say that Jessica was one of best books I have ever read. The story line is so thought provoking, It made me look at my own life and appreciate all I have.

Bryce Courtenay is a genius at story telling and I am looking forward to reading all of his works. Jessica is exceptional and I couldn't do anything until I finished every last word. I highly recommend this book and look forward to the next Bryce Courtenay novel I will read.

Excellent story hitting a note of truth throughout the times and places of the times in the Riverina

Excellent reading, thank you once again Bryce Courtenay. We'll all miss your great stories and knowledge of Australia and Africa which makes great reading along with your stories..

I liked everything. It was a very touching story. A True Australian Classic. I would recommend it to everyone, it is a tale of loss, courage and love.

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