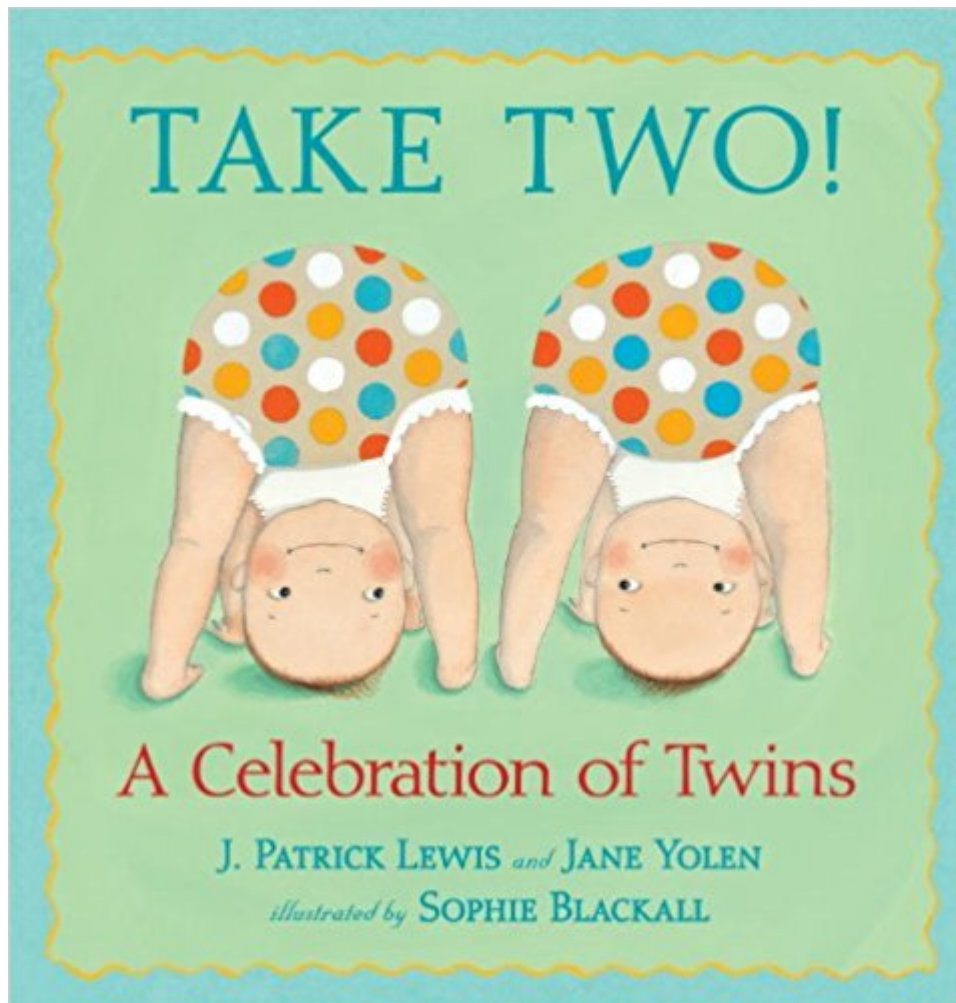




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# Take Two!: A Celebration Of Twins



## Synopsis

Know some twins, or expecting to? This twinspired collection pairs poems and pictures in a lighthearted salute to the many twins among us. Old twins, new twins, famous twins, not-at-all-alike twins, side-byside twins, let's play twins, not-yet twins, mirror twins – all kinds of twins! – come together in a collection of original poems by two of our most celebrated authors for young people: J. Patrick Lewis and Jane Yolen. From a wave and a wink to a twin switcheroo, from a rocket to the moon to the old woman who lived in a shoe, these poems and mini facts, whimsically illustrated by Sophie Blackall, will leave even singletons with a twinkle in their eyes. Here is the perfect book to share with the twins in your life – and everyone who loves them.

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## Customer Reviews

Although this handsome offering has the look of a picture book, both the poems and sly art are better suited for middle-graders, and if they happen to be twins, so much the better. Lewis, the Children's Poet Laureate, and prolific Yolen present more than 40 poems dedicated to the ups and downs, pros and cons, of being a womb mate • (as one poem is titled). Like most poetry books, this has its share of clever verse and other poems that fall flat. Repetition of sentiment is also a bit of a problem here. There may be only so many ways to say we are part of each other – or perhaps the number of poems should have been culled. But when the poetry is good, it's very

good, and in some cases, hilarious or touching, as in "Mirror Twin": I wave, you wave. / I smile, you laugh. / I wink, you blink. You leave "I'm half." • Heavily illustrated with full-page and spot art from the always delightful Blackall, this looks like much thought has been put into the design. A charmer. Grades 3-6. --Ilene Cooper

We are not supposed to judge a book by its cover. But in this case, let's do just that. The cover of the new poetry collection TAKE TWO!, with its twin toddlers bending upside down, polka-dotted tushies in the air, is quite possibly the cutest one to have crossed my desk in the run-up to spring. And since spring is baby season, at least for much of the animal kingdom, it seems an appropriate moment for this "Celebration of Twins" as the authors " J. Patrick Lewis and Jane Yolen, both accomplished poets " subtitle it |With its cheerily sweet and inventively varied illustrations by Sophie Blackall, TAKE TWO! has both a contemporary and a pleasingly timeless feel."The New York TimesThis playful collection of twin-themed poems, a welcome addition to the bookshelf on the subject of twins, is as much for parents as for kids."Publishers Weekly

This review is of the content of the book, not the quality. This book could have been really cute gift for my friend who is having twins. The main problem is that the last poem in the book is about conjoined twins who the parents tried to separate and they died.. complete with a weird picture of the conjoined twins. If you want to overlook this really disturbing image, the rest of the book is great.

What a perfect book to send to my niece who is expecting twins! She will identify with the first set of poems about waiting for their birth. Her twins will enjoy the rest of the poetry and "twin facts" as they grow up. This is a book for all twins, children and adults alike, and I enjoyed reading it, thinking about the twins I know.

I hosted a baby shower for my best friend who is expecting twin boys. I wanted her to have some kind of keep sake from her shower. I used the book as the sign in book. The guests wrote sweet messages inside the front and back covers. The boys will be able to enjoy the book when they get older and read the sweet notes from family and loved ones. The book itself is precious! I love how the poems begin at birth and progress as the twins grow older.

There are great little facts on the bottom of the pages about twins.....things you never thought they tracked about the tallest twins ever, oldest, etc. I bought this for my nieces twins per her request but

found the twin facts so interesting that I read the whole book before I gave it to them. If you know twins, it's a great gift.

Charming book. And great servis

Not a story book more of poems for adults or older twins

An adorable book with great illustrations and poetry. My twins (9 years old) love reading it together! Definitely better suited for older children.

Adorable!

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