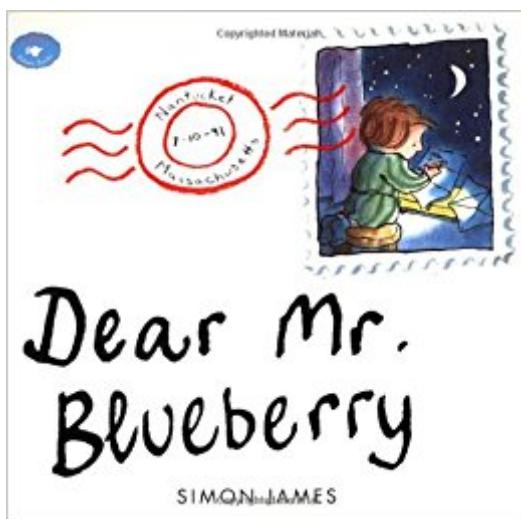


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# Dear Mr. Blueberry (Aladdin Picture Books)



## **Synopsis**

"Dear Mr. Blueberry, I love whales very much and I think I saw one in my pond today. Please send me some information on whales." It's vacation time, so Emily has to write to her teacher to help when she discovers a blue whale living in her pond. Mr. Blueberry answers that she must be mistaken, because whales live in the ocean, not in ponds. Throughout the summer, Emily and Mr. Blueberry exchange letters, until Emily has a happy surprise to share with her teacher. In the process, Emily learns a lot about whales. And Mr. Blueberry learns even more about imagination, faith, and love.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

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PreSchool-Grade 1-- It is summer, and Emily discovers that a whale is living in the pond in her yard. Eager to learn more about this amazing animal, she writes a series of letters to her teacher, Mr. Blueberry, asking for information about whales and their habits. The humor of the situation lies in Mr. Blueberry's replies. He sends Emily some details, but he is also quite adamant that whatever is in her pond is not a whale since they live in salt water. Nevertheless, both Emily and readers know

that indeed there is a whale in the pond, and the proof is the amusing, full-page watercolor cartoons. Emily shares her letters with the whale, who, after hearing about his species' migratory habits, leaves the pond to return to the ocean. (How he does this is not explained.) At first, Emily is saddened at her loss, but a chance meeting with Arthur on the beach gives her the opportunity to say goodbye. This story is a nice blend of fantasy and reality with a smattering of facts. The large print and simple vocabulary make it appropriate for beginning readers. --Laura Culberg, Harold Washington Library Center, ChicagoCopyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Dear Mr. Blueberry is an excellent story which my nieces and nephews enjoyed and which many other children can enjoy for various reasons. First the simple conversation that is had back and forth between the child and her teacher about a whale that might be living in her pond out back is well written, includes a little humor, and has a great and happy ending. As the teacher tries to explain why there could not be a whale in her pond, the child takes what he says about whales and tries to apply it with her interaction with the whale in the pond and then responds. It also is so fun to see a book that tells a story only using the letters sent back and forth between the two characters and pictures. Unfortunately children today do not get as much of a chance to see what a real letter to someone looks like so it is always nice when there is a book or story that incorporates the use of letters and how they can be used to carry on a conversation with someone.

Grew up reading this book and about 13 yrs ago my mother accidentally donated all of our favorites, found this on and had to buy it for mother day- definitely brought tears to her eyes and I can hear her reading it to her boyfriend every night!! Lol

This is a very nice book. It teaches a child about writing letters. How to start a letter and how to end it. Every page is a letter. Very nice books that children will love.

My students couldn't believe she thought their was a whale in her ;pond!

I have sent to a couple of Granddaughters. Beautiful fun book.

Just as described. Great service.

Another purchase for the classroom. There is so much to be gleaned from this text, but most importantly it's story line and illustrations are captivating to the reader. I love the letter format and the extension it provides for writing purposes. This is true fiction and some children may misinterpret some of what they read / hear. That just allows for richer discussion.

I love this book. I haven't had a chance to read it to my granddaughter but I want her to learn about nature as well as imagination, so I think it will be perfect.

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