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One day when Baby Hippo woke up, he was in such a rush to go and play that he forgot to give his mama a kiss. As Baby Hippo wanders through the jungle, he hears Kiss, kiss! from all the other animal parents and babies. Finally he realizes what it is he forgot to do.

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Netaniel Dempster says

First he left with no kisses and then he followed that dragonfly. Then he looked at the other animals and they got kisses. He kept following that dragonfly. First, the Hippo woke up and then he followed the dragonfly. First he walked passed the elephants, second he followed the dragonfly, third he saw the lion, number 4 he was passing the rhinos and then he walked past the zebras, zeb-ras, and next he was following the dragonfly. Then he saw a monkey in a tree then the dragonfly got to his family and the Baby Hippo ran off to kiss his mama!

Robert Beveridge says

Margaret Wild, Kiss Kiss! (Simon and Schuster, 2003)

A baby hippo is eager to get an early start on playing and forgets to give his mother a kiss goodbye in the morning. He traverses various types of terrain (We're Going on a Ghost Hunt-style), witnessing a number of other types of animals kids usually love kissing their babies, then realizes what he forgot and heads right back for home. Fun illustrations (going back through the tall, tall grass is my favorite), strong rhythm, and lots of love by all the animals are making this one a current favorite at Goat Central. *** ½

Mandy says

Baby Hippo went off to play without giving his mom a kiss. It wasn't until after he sees many other animals giving their moms kisses that he remembers he forgot.

This would be a good story for PreK to read aloud and encourage them to chime in "kiss, kiss" and have hand motions for all Baby Hippo's actions.

Rebecca says

Baby hippo was in such a hurry to go out and play that he forgot to do something this morning. On his way out he passes by a lot of other animals with their mamas all saying goodbye for the day. Suddenly baby hippo realizes what he forgot. He turns around and goes all the way back home to give his mama a kiss.

The illustrations are painted brilliantly. The animals look realistic in their own anthropomorphic way. The alliteration and rhythm is fun to read as well.

Sarah says

Would be a great toddler storytime read-aloud

Diana Thomsen says

This is a simple, sweet story that resonates well with kids and parents alike. The illustrations actually add something to the story, which is not always the case, so that's a plus. And the message that it's possible to go back and try again and your mama will still be there waiting for you is a very powerful one for little readers to hear.

Kelly Thevenot says

Kiss Kiss is a book that scaffold's to make learning within read for children. This book could be used in preschool. I actually read this books to my preschoolers at work and they love to repeat the words, "Kiss,Kiss," at the end of every page. We also make the smooching sounds of kissing and they love it. It is a fun book for children and is also has the benefits of problem solving. The hippos forgot to give his mom a kiss, so he has to make his way all the way back home to give her smooches. :)

Veronica Molina says

Tiernucho, con juguetitos de palabras y atractivo para los pequeñitos.
Además, perfecto para leer entre madre e hijo.

Jourdan says

I found this story to be absolutely adorable. It's about a baby hippo who started his morning off really fast. He ran out of the water eager to play. He was so preoccupied with starting the day that he left without giving his mama a kiss! He was wandering around the land and saw every little animal giving their mama a kiss! It wasn't until then when he realized what he had forgotten! He raced back to his mama to start the day off again, but the right way this time! I would for sure add this to my bedtime list for my kids.

There were a few things I found interesting about this story. One thing that really stood out to me was the story inside the story. I didn't catch it the first time I read it, but as I reread it I really enjoyed it. From the moment when the baby hippo stepped out the water, he started following a dragonfly. He followed this dragonfly through the squelchy, squelchy mud all the way through the leafy, leafy trees. At this moment, the dragonfly he was following found his mama to give her a kiss. He had been hearing "kiss, kiss!" all the way there, but it didn't hit him until then. At that moment he made his way back. Little things like these that take a while to realize, are really interesting to me. There are probably other hidden things in this story and I can't wait to figure them out.

Camille says

A baby hippo goes off to play, but forgot to give his mama a kiss. As he waddles along he sees other baby

animals giving their mamas kisses until...DING! He remembers what he forgot to do. Cute little story that would be perfect for baby storytime: You can have parents kiss kiss along with the story. For toddlers: They can repeat kiss kiss and send out hand kisses, too.

Deb says

A little too precious for me.

Megan says

A baby hippo forgets to kiss his mother goodbye, but as goes about his day, he sees other mothers and babies kissing, so he remembers and returns for a kiss. Several favorite animals are featured, and the different landscapes are described well ("squelchy mud"). Good for toddlers, but will quickly get old for the adult readers.

Mely says

didn't really dig it

Hope Mullinax says

When the baby hippo wakes up and goes out to play, he forgot something really important..to give his mom a goodbye smooch before he left. As he is walking, he hears the loving "kiss, kiss" of other animals saying goodbye to one another, this prompts him to hurry back home and kiss him mom. When he makes it back home, his mom is nowhere to be found..but after calling out she appears ready to help in whatever way. Repeated text allows for easy predictions from readers.

Eva Leger says

This is a cute little book for toddlers- it's just the right length so they don't get bored while it's being read to them and the illustrations are cute as can be.

The story is about a little baby hippo is leaves to go play one day and the reader follows him past this, through that, up the hill, down the path, etc. and then he finally remembers.....he forgot to give him Mom a kiss!

Baby hippo needs to give his Mom a kiss so he promptly heads back- up the path, down the hill, past that, and through this again....until he finds his Mom just waiting for him.

Very, very cute- my daughter got a kick out of it.
