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Here is a delightful look at childhood, written by master poet and storyteller Robert Louis Stevenson. In this collection of sixty-six poems, Stevenson recalls the joys of his childhood, from sailing boats down a river, to waiting for the lamplighter, to sailing off to foreign lands in his imagination. Tasha Tudor's watercolor paintings evoke a simpler time in the past, and celebrate two of the things she loves most -- children and nature.

.com "The world is so full of a number of things, I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings." With this "Happy Thought," Robert Louis Stevenson speaks for all the delights of childhood. But he doesn't stop there. A Child's Garden of Verses, written over a century ago, is filled to the brim with what are usually considered to be the first real poems written for children. This classic volume is an old friend to the generations of readers who were brought up on "I have a little shadow that goes in and out with me/ And what can be the use of him is more than I can see." In this perfectly lovely edition, the gossamer art of Jessie Willcox Smith (who first illustrated Stevenson's poems in the early years of the 20th century) is reproduced in all its charming glory. Black and white drawings throughout and eight full-page, warmly colorful paintings show beautiful, yet pleasantly imperfect children, busy at their daily activities--climbing trees, watching their reflections in a river, or sick in bed with an army of toy soldiers on guard. Place this on the shelf next to Mother Goose, Dr. Seuss, and Peter Rabbit. (All ages) -- Emilie CoulterFrom Publishers WeeklyWhile neither Robert Louis Stevenson nor Edward Lear could have foreseen their poems as pop-ups, the form is not without advantages. The Owl and the Pussycat is best served here, with Littlejohn's realistic twosome rowing out to sea and later dancing beneath the moon, as fish jump in the background. The poems from A Child's Garden have static scenes of stiff children; the pictures are not nearly as imaginative as the verses. These two books will strike some as device over substance, and yet the pop-ups may serve to introduce readers to a sampling of the works and entice them to go on to other, more elaborate volumes of Stevenson and Lear. Ages 4-8. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc.From School Library JournalPreS Up-- This new presentation of Stevenson's classic childhood poems brings together an unusual combination of artistic technique but falls short of any notable new interpretation. The pages are reproductions of needlework borders done by Sara Gutierrez; they lend a colorful, quaint look that complements Lewis' paintings of old-fashioned children. Each poem is laid out on a page, and the artists have nicely varied placement of painting and border. Some of the scenes are imaginative, as in "Young Night Thought," which shows a girl carried by two genies. Others, however, are dull, such as the boy and girl in "Good and Bad Children"; here, the girl stands with hands behind her back looking prim while the boy sticks his tongue out at her. No attempt at universality has been made in this new edition: boys outnumber girls, and all of the children are white except one. For a classic look, editions by Tasha Tudor and Jessie W. Smith still remain the top choices. --Marianne Pilla, Upper Dublin Public Library, Dresher, PACopyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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