

**Book Title: At the Boardwalk**  
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This is a picture book about the boardwalk and the beach and what families do when they are there. The words are set in lively rhyming verse. Each page depicts a scene with families enjoying some aspect of the boardwalk. The colors on each page are rich and vibrant. The colors draw you into each scene which has a different tint, depending on the scene. When the book talks about a foggy day at the boardwalk, it is as if you are there experiencing it. When the book talks about what happens in the evening at the boardwalk, it is as if you are taken to that time of day. By the end of the story, you really feel as if you have been to the beach. The pictures are kind of magical.

I really liked how the pictures created different moods for the different times of day. I liked that the book is all about family and the warmth and joy of spending time together. The pictures were also very diverse, featuring families of many different backgrounds and all enjoying the same things.

This would be a great book to read to children before their first trip to a boardwalk or even before a yearly family vacation to get everyone revved up to go.

Highly Recommended.  
Reading level 5-6 years.

**Recommended Titles:**

1. Terry Treetop and the Lost Egg by Tali Carmi
2. Pete the Cat at the Beach by James Dean
3. Seashells by the Seashore by Marianne Berkes