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## Heart To Heart



## Synopsis

From beloved Caldecott Honor artist Lois Ehlert comes a clever and funny valentine celebrating love and friendship. Readers of all ages will go bananas for this pun-filled and sweet story filled with rebuses and love. Alphabet letters and bold, graphic images of fruits and vegetables come together in this endearing and playful book that is perfect for sharing.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Ehlert combines her iconic cut-paper images of fruits and vegetables with some text-speak to create a rebus story for Valentine's Day.... "Do U [carrot] all 4 me? // [peas] give a sign or Q. // [Heart] talks r not EZ, // i [leaf] it up 2u. // But if my plea suc[seeds], // n U say ok, // we could [celery]brate. • // N then mayB // r 2 [hearts] //could [beet] as 1 // someday."...there aren't many children who are not familiar with like sentiments on the ubiquitous seasonal heart-shaped candies, and they will not be able to resist chiming in to name the familiar foods or, if they know their letters and numbers, to call out the ones that stand for whole words. Each spread is a different vibrant color that neatly complements the colors of the objects and text on the pages. And the tiny trim size (just under 6 inches square) makes this an intimate book for sharing one-on-one (or an extra-clever valentine for teens and adults to give). Rebuses get a text update for a modern love note. (Picture book. 3-6) (Kirkus Reviews 10/1/16) Pun lovers, foodies, and puzzlers of all ages will be charmed by Ehlert's love poem, which is packaged in a gift-ready, small-format trim size and constructed around playful rebus-style images of food items and other

objects. "I'm [cherry] when I c u," begins one line, "[olive] u, n it shows,/ My [heart] starts [pumpkin]/ from my head down [tomatoes]." The contrast between the electric blues, pinks, greens, and other vivid colors Ehlert uses for her cut-paper artwork makes her spreads seem to vibrate with excited energy, and the various rebus items are labeled for those still learning words such as lime, plum, and lettuce. While there is the occasional groaner tucked in here and there ("We could [celery]brate"), only the surliest readers won't crack a smile as they turn the pages. Irresistible. Up to age 8. (Publishers Weekly **\*STARRED REVIEW\*** October 31, 2016)

Lois Ehlert has created numerous inventive, celebrated, and bestselling picture books, including Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, Holey Moley, The Scraps Book, Mice, Ten Little Caterpillars, RRRalph, Lots of Spots, Boo to You!, Leaf Man, Waiting for Wings, Planting a Rainbow, Growing Vegetable Soup, and Color Zoo, which received a Caldecott Honor. She lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Lois Ehlert has created numerous inventive, celebrated, and bestselling picture books, including Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, Holey Moley, The Scraps Book, Mice, Ten Little Caterpillars, RRRalph, Lots of Spots, Boo to You!, Leaf Man, Waiting for Wings, Planting a Rainbow, Growing Vegetable Soup, and Color Zoo, which received a Caldecott Honor. She lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

I bought this as an early Valentines gift for my son who just turned 4. This book was a huge hit. We cuddled up in bed and read it together. That is what is so great about this cute little story, my son, who cannot read (but knows all of his letters) was able to figure out the word puzzles. He was laughing and we were reading the book TOGETHER. The only things that were a bit tricky for him to "read" were some of the drawings of fruit (for example he would guess that apples were strawberries and they are abstract looking enough that this guess would make sense. Luckily, Ehlert has included the names of the fruits/veggies next to them so that you know what they are supposed to be). and some of the lowercase letters threw him off a bit. Also, this book is smaller. About the size of a Chatbook or a greeting card. The illustrations are similar in style to those in Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, which makes sense as it is the same author. But seriously, the laughs, fun and cuddling time that we spent together reading Heart 2 Heart tonight were priceless.

Very sweet and clever. Made a great "I love You" present

Ehlert makes a picture book entirely from rebuses and puns that is completely endearing. Filled with the same bright graphics as the cover, this picture book is a small square size perfect for a gift or for

little hands. Various fruits and vegetables make appearances in the puns, adding a yummy twist. The simple premise of the book gets challenging unless you read the riddles out loud. Suddenly turnips and beans make sense in the sentences and everyone is sure to smile when the sentence is decoded. The playfulness here is as bright as the colors used in the illustrations. This book is just right to share one-on-one with someone you love. Appropriate for ages 4-6.

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