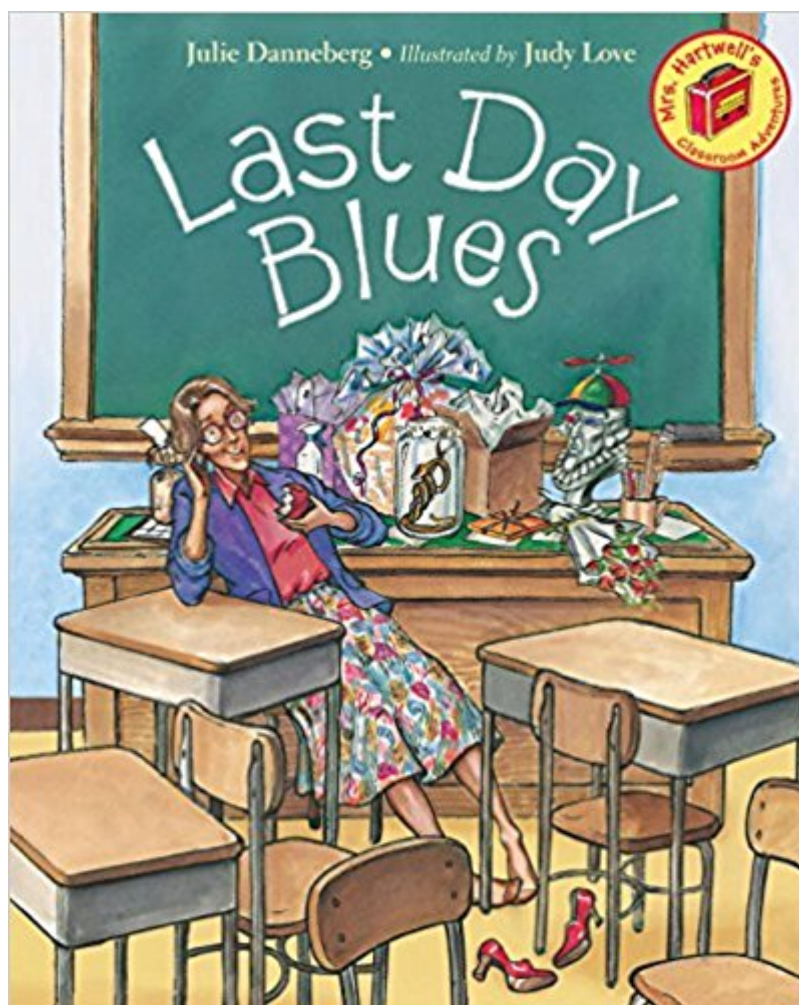


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# Last Day Blues (Mrs. Hartwell's Classroom Adventures)



## Synopsis

Fans of First Day Jitters will love the last day of school in Mrs. Hartwell's classroom. Thoughts of summer vacation, beach reading, and play disrupt studies. But the kids don't want their teacher to miss them while they're gone. Once again Julie Danneberg and Judy Love bring to life the crazy antics of Mrs. Hartwell and her class and show that teachers and students are more alike than different.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 3 "Mrs. Hartwells students are worried about how sad she'll be and how much she'll miss them when school lets out for the summer. They look for the perfect gift to help her remember them and decide to make a poster with a poem and drawings featuring all of the things that they'll miss about school, especially their teacher. Bursting with color, the cartoon illustrations look at the experience from both sides with hilarious results. The characters' faces are highly expressive and run the gamut of emotions throughout the book. As the children wrack their brains for the perfect present, a group of teachers can be seen in the distance planning their vacations with great excitement. A story with both child and teacher appeal." —Genevieve Gallagher, Murray

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K-Gr. 2. For all the fuss about the beginning of school, only a handful of picture books take place at the end. Here, Mrs. Hartwell's class, a tight-knit group, sympathetically imagines how much their teacher will miss them over the summer: "While we're swimming, she'll be reading her old lesson plans." They decide to do what they can to cheer Mrs. Hartwell, soon to be devastated by their absence. There's an undertone of irony here, which adults may pick up sooner than children. Despite the mournful, last-day-of-school scene the children imagine (when the final school bus pulls away, a crew of bereft and bawling teachers remains on the steps), the book's last in-school scene shows a conga line of happy teachers bouncing down the hallway. The comic exaggeration in the vivid, colorful illustration makes this a lively choice for sharing with school groups, and the wordless illustrations on the last page show what Mrs. Hartwell really does over the summer. Carolyn Phelan Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Not as good as "First Day Jitters" but absolutely worth buying. I wish I had bought this before the school year ended. In a few days I will be re-reading "First Day Jitters" to my students so it will be a long time before I read this to them. I am going to look for other books by this author because I like the way she writes about both teachers & students. The kiddos also appreciate this.

Such a great book. Can't wait to share it with my class at the end of a school year. Illustrations are phenomenal. I love the kids version of a last day...versus a teachers view.

Great book for the end of the school. Students spent majority of the book tearing up and then laughing hysterically at end.

I love these books and I am so excited to read it to my first class on our last day!

Great gift for teachers and student teachers, especially when paired with First Day Jitters!

so my last name is Hartwell and I homeschooled my child this past year so I loved this book and the fact that the teachers name was mine!

I wanted to share with my students how teachers feel about summer vacation!

I read it in my daycare, the kids loved the story

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