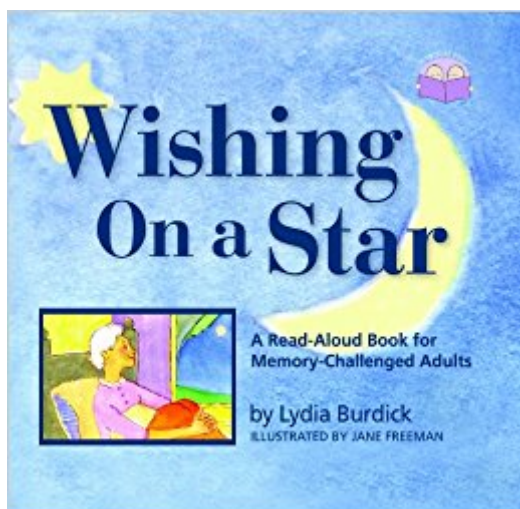


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# Wishing On A Star (Two-Lap Books)



## Synopsis

You won't find a simpler way to interact meaningfully and enjoyably with someone with memory impairment! Just sit down together, open this colorful and engaging book across both laps, and begin reading, reminiscing, and communing. The colorful illustrations and short, easy-to-read text in *Wishing on a Star!* describe favorite activities and events that fill each person's day. Individuals with memory impairment and their caregivers will enjoy the familiar and friendly images: waking up to the sound of birds singing, playing with pets, cheering for a favorite team. The pictures and text in this third book in the Two-Lap Book<sup>®</sup> series will spark boundless opportunities to discuss and remember happy times and comforting experiences. Styled with the appeal and simplicity of a children's book but created for adult audiences, this Two-Lap Book can serve multiple purposes: Stimulate conversation and reminiscence, \*Encourage physical closeness and interaction, \*Provide a calming diversion from an upsetting episode, \*Inspire intergenerational exchanges with children, \*Increase social interaction between staff and residents, \*Promote reading skills in residents who retain their literacy. Reading *Wishing on a Star!* is an instant activity no planning or preparation required. Open it to a favorite illustration ... read it from start to finish ... or select just a page or two to spark an exchange. Plus, tips on how to promote engagement with the book are provided. Here is a natural and unlimited opportunity to rebuild connections for the person with dementia, stroke, multiple sclerosis, and related disorders.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

"I used to buy children's books with big pictures, big words, about animals for my mother, who has advanced dementia. Now to be able to have a book with pictures and words with somebody her age sitting on a chair enjoying the sunset – it's a really inspired idea." (Jill Eikenberry, a New York-based actress 2001-01-01)". . . a book especially recommended to for [sic] anyone having to cope with Alzheimer's, dementia, stroke and other memory-damaging disorders. With simple, colorful illustrations enhancing a deftly written, informed and informative text, Lydia Burdick' [sic] 'Wishing On a Star' is thoroughly 'reader friendly' and a fine addition to any personal or public library collections." (Midwest Book Review 2001-01-01)"Wishing On a Star is not only a book to share with our loved one, but a gentle educational tool to help all of us in our journey through the emotional maze [of] Alzheimer's and dementia." (Edie Dykeman ElderCare Cafe Blog, <http://www.eldercarecafe.net/wishing-on-a-star-book-review.html#more-1412> 2001-01-01)"Lydia Burdick's book series is fulfilling an unmet need for reading materials for older persons with memory problems. Our research indicates that these are the kinds of reading materials which these persons may prefer to read at some point in the course of their condition." (Barry Reisberg, M.D., Clinical Director Silberstein Aging and Dementia Research Center, New York University School of Medicine 2001-01-01)"A wonderful way to engage with a memory-impaired adult" (Peter Rabins, M.D., MPH, Professor of Psychiatry Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine 2001-01-01)

With a master's degree in Clinical Practices (psychology), Lydia Burdick's career has been in human resources. Since 1993, she has been a consultant at an international outplacement firm. Lydia wrote *The Sunshine on My Face* in the course of caring for her mother who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. "One of my greatest pleasures," she says, "was sitting together with my mother and hearing her read the words from this book when she had otherwise stopped speaking almost entirely."

My late mother adored this and Lydia Burdick's other books for memory-challenged adults. She read through them frequently with me and with other caregivers and was always delighted; they gently stimulated her conversational and observational skills. I have recommended them to many other caregivers. I wish there were more of them! My only complaint is that the words "for memory-challenged adults" should not appear on the book--or should be on a removable sticker. My mother often read those words and asked about them, and knowing that she was memory challenged was not helpful to her. Tinky Weisblat, author of *Pulling Taffy: A Year with Dementia*

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I used to read these to my mother. She suffered from Dementia. She loved to read though despite it all!! So please read to your loved one!! It is wonderful to hear their voice as they read, if you have someone who does not talk as much as they used to because of the condition. This really helped us connect many days.....fond memories. At first I thought it seemed too childlike, but my mother really connected. I highly recommend this book.

My grandfather was in the late stages of Alzheimer, so he wasn't able to do much of anything. Found this book and thought I'd give it a try. What a perfect book! He seemed to enjoy it, having it read to him and pointing at pictures that peaked his interest.

I am a hospice volunteer coordinator and am always looking at ways volunteers can connect with their patients. I have had a couple volunteers use this book with their patients now and they were able to connect a little better. Thank you.

This is perfect for my mother and for others in the memory care facility where she is residing now. I was so pleased to donate this book and the other two by Lydia Burdick written specifically for memory-challenged adults. The illustrations are beautiful. When I read one to my mother and showed her and another lady the illustrations their faces lit up! Thank you for making these available!!

Even though my husband can no longer focus due to his visual challenges, these books provide loads of conversation opportunities and he continues to enjoy hearing someone read to him. I'm finding them surprisingly enjoyable!

I am so grateful for books with large pretty pictures and large simple words for adults with memory problems. My Mom is 95 and has dementia and diabetes. She can read these and also likes to be read to because it is comforting and has pictures of elderly adults.

I ordered *Wishing on a Star: A Read-Aloud Book for Memory Challenged Adults*. My mother has dementia and I read several pages to her on my last visit and she greatly enjoyed it. Having pictures of adults in the book is a drawing power. Thanks for this creative book. The author did a great job

with this book. Planning on ordering other books she has written.

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