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***Guess How Much I Love You* by Sam McBratney, illustrated by Anita Jeram**

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Readers who have yet to discover this much-loved picture book and fans familiar with the classic story, will be captivated by this 20th anniversary edition. The slip jacket with gold foil detail covers a beautifully-designed hardback that adds to the appeal.

The timeless tale is told in a simple storyline with a big message:

At bedtime, Little Nutbrown Hare asks Big Nutbrown Hare, “Guess how much I love you.”

Big Nutbrown Hare replies, “Oh, I don’t think I could guess that.”

They begin a game of finding extravagant ways to describe how much they love each other. But how do you measure love? Of course, they are both winners in the giving and receiving of affection.

Illustrator Anita Jeram maintains a close-up focus on the characters that highlights the vulnerability of Little Nutbrown Hare and the protective nature of Big Nutbrown Hare. Tawny shades add warmth to the forest greens. The rural setting allows the expansion of the story to match the surrounding countryside. As night falls, the landscape softens and colours deepen.

A perfect bedtime story to send a child to sleep, secure in the knowledge that they are loved.

**Reviewed by children’s book author,
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