Summary: A celebration of kisses from the sleepy goodnight kiss and the splishy splashy fish kiss to the sticky lipstick kiss and finally the best kiss of all.

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Booklist Reviews 2011 December #2
Although there seems to be no end to picture books about kisses, readers will still find themselves puckering up as they follow a blue-and-white penguin through this guided tour of kisses. Place has no bearing on the penguin, which appears alongside sheep, elephants, ladybugs, giraffes, and a plethora of other animals, all in the midst of their particular style of smooch. Among these rounded, vibrantly colored, and always adorable creatures, the penguin observes good places to kiss, sizes of kisses, kinds of kisses, and even kisses from nature, as when a light rain touches the skin. The text blends ending rhymes ("The tallest kiss is a tricky kind. / The smallest kiss is hard to find") with internal rhymes ("The snow's kiss on your face is ace"), but the occasional resulting awkwardness shouldn't bother young listeners. The book ends with the best kiss of all as the penguin, now blushing, receives a loving smooch from its caregiver. Pair with Karen Katz's Counting Kisses (2001) and Christopher Loupy's Hugs and Kisses (2002) to extend the sentiments. Copyright 2011 Booklist Reviews.

Horn Book Guide Reviews 2012 Spring
Abbott's deep-hued, soft-edged illustrations join Walsh's playful text to explore the world of kisses, from "kisses on noses" to "kisses on toes-es," frogs, dogs, elephants, and fish kisses. The rhythm falters at times, but it's a quick read-aloud that will likely find an appreciative market among parents and grandparents, especially around Valentine's Day.

PW Reviews 2011 October #4
A penguin tours the animal kingdom to see how kissing stacks up among different species. Newcomer Abbott's characters are essentially adorable variations on rounded and curvilinear shapes, ranging from pert to plump. She laughs in the face of zoological accuracy, anthropomorphizing with abandon: in the spread, "Frogs like to kiss, and dogs like to kiss," she imagines a kissing booth run by a frog prince, as pups of various breeds line up to pay for the privilege. The titular kiss does not belong to the big blue elephant that sprawls across another spread, extending its trunk to a mostly unseen partner (while providing a perch for two kissing ants). Rather, it's the kiss that comes from a grownup penguin, who clearly loves a cuddle as much as the narrator does. Walsh's (All Asleep) rhyme schemes are all over the map (there are conventional couplets, as well as internal rhymes like "The snow's kiss on your face is ace"), so it may be difficult for readers to get in a groove. But it hardly detracts from the upbeat subject matter and the critters' utter cuteness. Ages 4–8.

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Written by Joanna Walsh & illustrated by Judi Abbot and Joanna Walsh. Published by Little Simon. 1234567. 4.5 / 7.0. Nothing yet! You should let Judi know that you want more details about The Biggest Kiss! Try tweeting Judi on twitter (@judiabbot) or messaging Judi on Instagram (@judiabbot).

More Books From These Creatives. Hugs and Kisses. Judi Abbot. Board book. 5.8. By Joanna Walsh. Illustrated by Judi Abbot. Paperback. Fixed Layout eBook. List price £5.99. Price may vary by retailer. Table of Contents. About The Book. Kisses on noses Kisses on toes Sudden kisses when you least supposes. Who likes to kiss? I do, I do! From kisses with lipstick to sleepy goodnight kisses, there’s a kiss here for everyone. Find out whether worms kiss underground, with the soil all around, or whether fish kiss the fin - splash, splash, splash. And find out which kiss is the best kiss of all in this fabulous feel-good book that is full of warmth and humour. About The Author. Joanna Walsh. JOANNA WALSH is a witty, inventive and highly individual picture book writer and illustrator, as well as an accomplished graphic designer. The crazy toddler tolerated it: this is either due to the fact that she had bumped her head and was mildly concussed, or the fact I played along with the kissing actions in the book. “Kisses on noses kisses on toes…” Minnie didn’t seem that bothered to be honest. Again this might be due to the bump on the head or the fact that it was just ok. The pictures are very nic