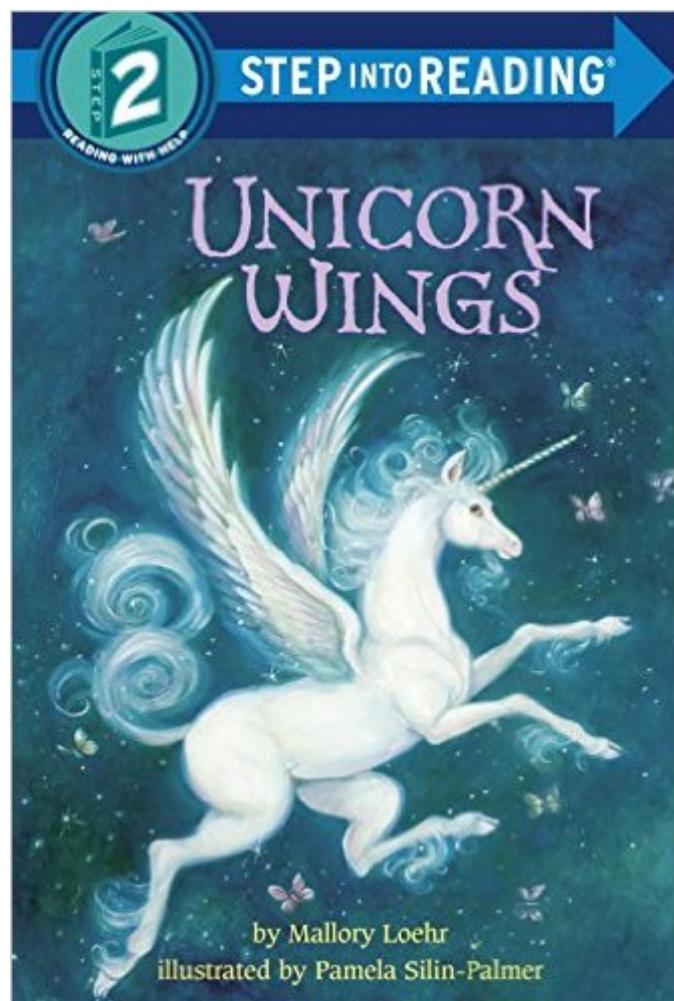


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# Unicorn Wings (Step Into Reading)



## **Synopsis**

"I wish I had wings." The white unicorn can heal wounds with his horn. He can make rainbows. But what he really wants is to fly. So he sets off on a quest--past birds and butterflies--to find wings of his own. A charming Step 2 title with a ton of girl appeal.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 6 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 1

## **Customer Reviews**

First, what I like about the book: the pictures are engaging; my five-year-old daughter likes the book; and the text is set in a big font with easy-to-read words. Now the part that I did not like.... The first 75% of the book shows this unicorn wishing that he had wings. The winged animals that he encounters point out that their wings would not be appropriate for him to have. Then, he is given the opportunity to do a uniquely unicorn thing -- he heals a pegasus horse with his horn. At this point in the story, it seemed clear (at least to me) that the message of the book was going to be: each of us is unique, with certain abilities. The butterfly, swan, and bluebird have the gift of flight (because of their wings). Likewise, the unicorn has the gift of healing (because of his horn). And, by analogy, the child reading the book has special gifts, too, but they are not the same as the bird, the butterfly, or the unicorn. Perhaps I should give the writer credit for 'zigging' when I was expecting a 'zag'....

Nevertheless, the story's 'zig' results in a story without a purpose. The unicorn gets what he wants (wings) because he has a healing horn. So much for the butterfly and birds being special.... I don't get it. All that being said, young girls will like it, and I predict none with experience lasting moral damage from this book.

I bought this book as a Christmas gift for my young daughter. She loves unicorns and reading and it looked like a great book for us to read together. Its a nice, short book. Don't get me wrong, I love reading to my daughter, but some of these really long books just make me want to hide them! Its a Step 2 book, so perfect for beginning readers who are just starting to learn to read. This book is beautifully illustrated with colorful butterflies and swans and rainbows. The main story is about a unicorn who wishes that he had wings, and he visits different animals and wishes he had wings like they did. Spoilers! At the end, he meets an injured Pegasus, and uses his magical unicorn powers to heal his hurt wing. If you are expecting him to appreciate who he really is, you'd be wrong. He's STILL moping about the lack of wings. Then suddenly he magically has wings! I assume the Pegasus granted him wings and off he goes to say thank you. I liked to talk to my daughter about how we should be happy with the gifts that we have, that the Unicorn was already special just the way he was. She says why would you NOT want wings, because wings are AWESOME. I really had not thought about the story in that light, instead of being happy with what we have, maybe we should strive to be more? All in all, its a cute story with eye catching pictures that really holds her attention and we got to engage her in some thoughtful conversation about Magical Unicorns.

Great book for the little one who loves unicorns or overall fantasy. Pleased with purchase and would recommend. Stage 2 reading level. These help in purchasing the appropriate book for your child's stage at reading.

Initially we got this book to practice reading skills and it was about unicorns which my 6yr old loves. When reading the book she was slightly upset because the unicorn was a boy. In my opinion this is more of a fantasy or non sensical book. The unicorn is constantly wishing to be something else and is not satisfied with whom he is until he gets what he wants. Also I noticed that the book had a few sentences that started with the words And/but which is grammatical incorrect. Aside from the pictures being pretty the text is pretty crappy. My 6yr read the book with no problems.

My daughter loves unicorns and horses. She read the book by herself except for four or five words

and loved it! Pictures are beautiful. I thought it needed another page to finish the story but it was good.

I like better quality paper especially on children's books. I expect them to be read over and over. The story itself isn't all that appealing even to my super unicorn loving granddaughter soooooo.... I suppose the paper quality is not going to be much of an issue.

If you have a unicorn lover like my almost 5 year old, this is the book for you. My daughter is reading level 1 books in kindergarten, but this level 2 book really made her want to stretch her reading wings even further. The pictures are especially nice for the early reader type books. After one reading, she was picking it up and wanting to read it herself.

There seem to be a few gaps in this story like it was meant to be a longer book and had been overly edited - the beautiful illustrations and sweet storyline are great though. My daughter was so happy!! Good for ages 5 and up!

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