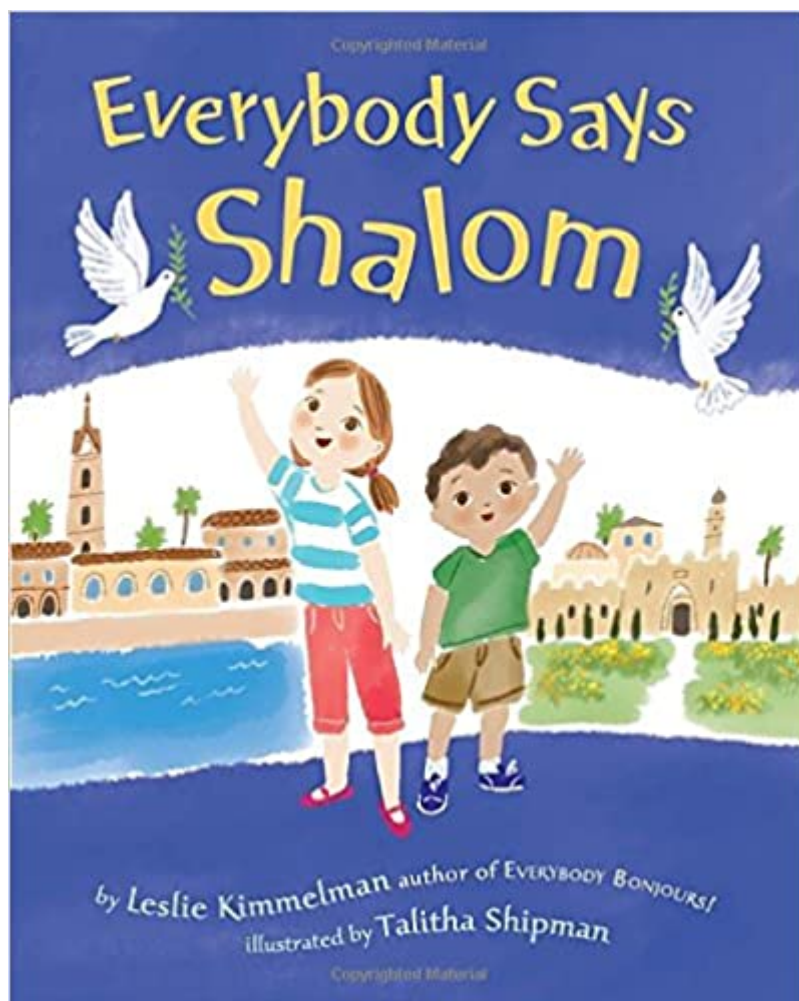


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# Everybody Says Shalom



## Synopsis

A spirited picture-book tour of Israel takes readers to the Old City of Jerusalem and modern Tel Aviv, the desert and the sea, Roman ruins, the Biblical Zoo, a kibbutz, and much more. Lively, rhyming text and vibrant, colorful illustrations offer young readers a trip through this old-new land of many contrasts, cultures, and customs. Readers can also look for a mischievous gecko that plays hide-and-seek in the scenes. The end pages include interesting historical information and other facts about the places visited. Perfect for reading aloud and ideal for any child interested in other countries and cultures—and for armchair travelers of any age!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 2—Following the author's *Everybody Bonjours!* (Random, 2008), this title presents a friendly look at Israel. A tourist family visits the famous sights, meeting smiling people of various ethnicities wherever they go. A note tells readers that "shalom is how people say hello. Shalom is also how people say goodbye. But its first and most important meaning is 'peace.' It's a little word with a lot to say!" The brief rhyming text is pleasant, if a bit vague in its descriptions of the sights; a note at the back provides additional information about the things seen in the pictures. The watercolor-style digital illustrations are detailed and invite slow examination (especially if readers wish to spot Gili the Gecko, who is hidden in the spreads). While both text and illustration are skillful,

the combination of short, punchy rhymes spread over page turns and detailed, searchable illustrations make the book difficult to pace. Ultimately, it will need to be read quickly for the rhymes and returned to for a slower reading to examine the illustrations. The whirlwind tour is the most common type of children's book about Israel. This book does not break new ground but is a solid addition to the category. While there is no story line, this title makes for pleasant armchair travel. Jewish educators, in particular, will happily welcome this book to their shelves. Heidi Estrin, Congregation B'nai Israel, Boca Raton, FL

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My child loves this book. We have to read it several times daily. She is 2 and always wants to find the geko. She could say Shalom at under 18 months. Great book!

This is a wonderfully illustrated look at Israel. The story is quietly appealing. Talitha Shipman's illustrations are FABULOUS. Kids will have fun spotting the hidden geko.

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