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The Three Little Wolves And The Big Bad Pig



Synopsis

When it comes time for the three little wolves to go out into the world and build themselves a house, their mother warns them to beware the big bad pig. But the little wolves' increasingly sturdy dwellings are no match for the persistent porker, who has more up his sleeve than huffing and puffing. It takes a chance encounter with a flamingo pushing a wheelbarrow full of flowers to provide a surprising and satisfying solution to the little wolves' housing crisis. Eugene Trivizas's hilarious text and Helen Oxenbury's enchanting watercolors have made this delightfully skewed version of the traditional tale a contemporary classic.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

A talented team ingeniously up-ends the classic tale of the three little pigs, and the laugh-out-loud results begin with the opening illustration--a mother wolf lounges in bed, her hair in curlers and her toenails freshly polished, with her three fluffy, cuddly offspring gathered round. The wolf siblings, amply warned about the big bad pig, construct their first house of sturdy brick, a medium which resists the pig's huffing and puffing but is no match for his sledgehammer. Their abodes become progressively more fortress-like, and the pig's implements of destruction, correspondingly, grow heftier, until the wolves try another tack and weave a house of flowers. The fragrance so intoxicates and tames the pig that he and the wolves live together happily ever after. In his English-language

debut (see note, p. 55), Trivizas laces the text with funny, clever touches, from an ensemble of animals who obligingly donate whatever building materials the wolves require, to the wolves' penultimate, armor-plated residence replete with a "video entrance phone" over which the pig can relay his formulaic threats. Oxenbury's watercolors capture the story's broad humor and add a wealth of supplementary details, with exquisite renderings of the wolves' comic temerity and the pig's bellicose stances. Among the wittiest fractured fairytales around. Ages 5-10. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

PreSchool-Grade 3. A menacing pig is thwarted by three endearing young wolves in this new twist on the porcine favorite. Three cheers for these frisky, frolicking creatures?and for the swine who learns the joy of friendship and beauty. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc.

This funny, irreverent spoof on The Three Little Pigs will have your kids/students riveted- and adults as well. The wolves in this book start with bricks and progress to steel and concrete fortresses to keep the big bad pig out. The kids will love it for the dynamite, your engineer friends will love the specific lists of building materials, and parents and teachers will love it for the sweet message about friendship they find at the end.

The kids who got this thought it was fun. Thank you.

I watched the children's faces and responses to the teacher reading this book to them in a class and thought this was a book I had somehow missed when my children were growing up - a lovely twist to the 3 little pigs story - so I bought it to add to ones I read to my grandchildren. Well written and lovely illustrations throughout.

A surprise at the end.

Funny book!

Cute book

Son loves it

I have usually rooted for the under dog/wolf, so I laughed out loud when I found this book and promptly ordered it. I read it and immediately ordered a couple more for young relatives - want them to see all sides and all that. It is a standard-sized hard cover children's book, very cute drawings, nice story doesn't get old too quickly. Nice, sympathetic wolves and a very mean pig. I think it is for the type of person who remembers the Addams Family tv show and the little girl coming home from kindergarten crying because they had killed the dragon in the story. Dragons/Wolves are the heroes here

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