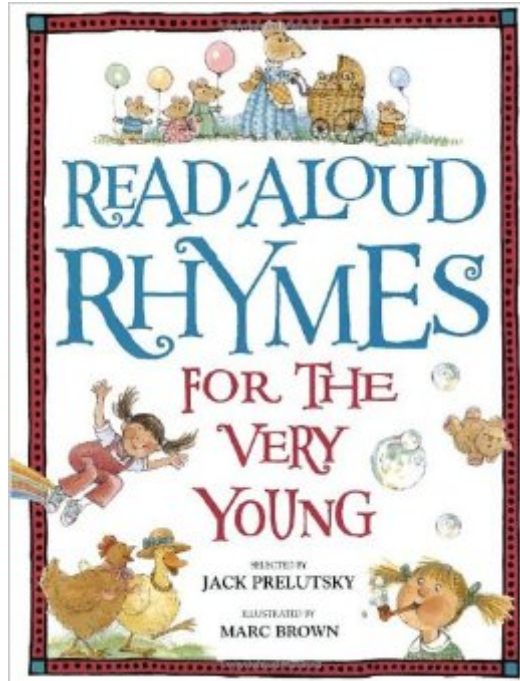


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# Read-Aloud Rhymes For The Very Young



## Synopsis

First published in 1986 and just as fresh and relevant today, this widely acclaimed, child-friendly poetry anthology is now being reissued with a striking new jacket. In his introduction to this book Jim Trelease, bestselling author of *The Read-Aloud Handbook*, writes, "No one better recognizes the essence of the child-poetry connection than poet and anthologist Jack Prelutsky. . . . Here are more than 200 little poems to feed little people with little attention spans to help both grow. Marc Brown's inviting illustrations add a visual dimension to the poems, which further engage young imaginations." • The poems are by 119 of the best-known poets of the 20th century. This book has been selected as a Common Core State Standards Text Exemplar (Grades K-1, Poetry) in Appendix B.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This is the most wonderful book for young children! I bought this for my daughter when she was about two, and we both had the most wonderful time reading it. She is now 13, and this is still one of her most treasured books. Who can resist such poems as "Higglety Pigglety, Pop! The dog has eaten the mop. The pig's in a hurry, and the cat's in a flurry, Higglety pigglety, Pop! Another favorite is the one about Noise, which I read faster and faster until ending with an urgent, "STOP, STOP!". We always buy this book to give as baby gifts and you should too! And remember, "A flea and a fly and a kangaroo, jumped for a prize in a pot of glue...."

I bought this book because Jim Trelease recommends it. Jim's Read Aloud Handbook is the definitive work on how reading to children is the #1 factor in increasing intelligence. Read-Aloud Rhymes is fun, funny and I have never tired of reading its many poems over the past two years to my kids (4 year old boy, twin 2 year old girls). It is my favorite and theirs as well. If your little ones are driving you nuts and you feel like you're stuck on an island (like they're starring in Lord of the Flies), this book could save your life! Seriously, it is the best book for children in print today. I spend tons of time at the library and this book is one you must take home to keep.

I purchased this for my son over a year ago, he is 3 now & this is one of his favorite books. It's a family treasure & every child should have one in their collection.

We got this book out from our library recently and within a week I had ordered a copy for us. My nearly 2 year old demands poems from it all the time (as only 2 year olds can demand!!) and her older brothers have also enjoyed them. The book has so many poems that struck a chord with us; just one small example: With recent cold weather I ended up sharing Dragon Smoke (about day being so cold you can see your own breath) with my oldest son's class at school. I have also suggested that our local pre-school buys a copy for the adult library so that the poems can be shared with the children when relevant themes / moments arise. The pictures are perfect for the poems creating a completely wonderful package. It is just an absolutely superb book and one I will be buying as a present for many other families. I think in a way the title is a bit of a pity, (although completely reasonable), as these poems will last a lot longer than just for the "very Young".

The book begins by laying things out clearly (Introduction): ". . .most adults forget that long before children become great asking machines, they are great listening machines. . . . The relevance of all this to a collection of poetry is demonstrated by the fact that the first sound a child hears is actually a poem--the rhythmic, rhyming beat-beat-beat of a mother's heart. . . . Unlike the toys we buy our children, poems cannot break." This is a book of rhymes for younger children, by a whole variety of people. Some of the authors whose verse is used: Rose Fyleman, Evaleen Stein, Rachel Field, Ivy Eastwick, Lilian Moore, Anita Posey, Norah Smaridge, and many others. Some cute works that struck my fancy. . . Rachel Field: "Sing a song of picnics, Bread and butter spread, Greenery all around about, And cherries overhead." A lament from William Cole: "It's such a shock, I almost screech, When I find a worm inside my peach! But then, what really makes me blue Is to find a worm

who's bit in two!"Or a piece by Gwendolyn Brooks:"Do you ever look in the looking glassAnd see a stranger there?A child you know and do not know,Wearing what you wear?"Anyhow, an affecting little book that parents can read to their kids--and maybe their kids to them, too.

The short, unique rhymes are so fun to read. They are charming and sweet for little ones and parents and so much nicer than those awful Mother Goose nursery rhymes. They're organized by subject matter, so there's a section on rain, going to bed, the garden, etc. The illustrations by Marc Brown alone are worth the price. It's a pleasure to read so many funny, uplifting rhymes...not plotless tradgedies like humpty, dumpty and Jack and Jill. I look forward to reading to my baby as much as he does.

I ordered the hardcover version. It looked perfect, but discovered the spine was completely torn away from the back cover. Completely.Top to bottom. Returned it. Replacement arrived quickly. I checked the back and same problem! The binding is torn away from the back cover!! give up. Very sad. This was supposed to be a birthday gift for my 5 year old granddaughter. The poems and illustrations were cute, but can't give a ruined book as a gift.Update 2/28/15: I ordered this book from Barnes & Noble and that book had same exact defect. Clearly there is a problem with this production run. I hope to buy this book sometime in the future, but I have to see it in a store to make sure the cover is attached to the spine.

I just received this book today. My daughter is 18 months old and we LOVE to read together. I am absolutely in love with this book. I started reading the poems aloud and found myself smiling and laughing...they are just so much fun! The illustrations are adorable and the books is simply gorgeous (I got the hard cover version)...but the poems are such great fun that they overshadow the illustrations. I have recently started reading to my daughter while she eats...that is where most of the paper books get read...board books are more durable for the hands on reading times. We read 20-30 books a day and that doesn't even include the repeat readings of her favorites. This will be so much fun to read to her during meals for now and as she gets older I am betting this will continue to be a favorite...especially for me. I cannot imagine reading this and it not bringing a huge smile to your face. I cannot wait to give this as a gift to other parents I know.

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