

Synopsis

Children will delight in the antics of ten marvelous little piggies who romp from fingers to toes in this original bedtime fantasy. Don Wood's oil paintings explode with mirth and magic and will engage all young readers. "Trying to describe these luxuriant, witty pictures doesn't really work, however; seeing is believing, and what luck for us there's so much to see."--Booklist

Book Information

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Age Range: 2 - 3 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

Customer Reviews

"Piggies" is a classic. Mirthful with beautiful illustrations, this book would be perfect for any youngster under the age of seven. Audrey and Don Wood have collaborated on several award-winning books, and of the ones we've seen, "Piggies" is our favorite. The story is simple. The child narrator discusses his/her five pairs of piggies (fingers, thumbs), assigning a temperament to each pair. The pairs go through several kinds of environments, changing with the environment. The ten little piggies cavort and act up according to the situation. In the end there is a bedtime coming together of the piggies. That rather perfunctory summary does no justice to this charming book, especially since the illustrations by Don are spectacular. And this is the main beef with this board book format of the story (and the sole reason for losing a star.) Several full-size versions of this book exist. At this larger size, the amazing detail of the little pigs emerges. But in the board book format, the illustrations get squeezed down, losing the details that bring out the personalities of the piggies. This leads to a tough decision: go with the sturdier board book or with the regular hardback.

Much depends on how hard your children treat books. Very small children would do better with the board book, while older children would be better off with a larger, less sturdy format. Still, either way, this is an admirable addition to any young child's library and comes highly recommended.

The story is an old one, but this book is highly original. Don Wood's illustrations add a distinct and engaging personality to each of the ten piggies. My 16 month old son loves the goofy faces and elaborate visuals that show basic ideas: tall, wee, hot, cold, clean, dirty, good. I love the clever character twists on each gorgeous page. The subtle and silly sub-texts allow adults to enjoy the book too!

I am an 18 month old toddler. My Mommy and Daddy first started reading this book to me when I was only 1 year old. I didn't like it at first. I just wanted to read my book about farm animals. But my Mommy and Daddy seemed to think it was so charming that they kept reading it to me and soon, I started to like it. What makes it fun for me is that my Mommy and Daddy play along with the book. Each page has a unique hand position or hand play that they can imitate. Towards the end, one of the hand plays involves tickling my tummy, so I look forward to that. Now that my parents know the entire book from memory, they sometimes "read" the book to me without the book by reciting the words along with the hand gestures, and it is still a lot of fun. The pictures are very bright, colorful, and complicated. For me, the pictures are too complicated to understand, but I hope to understand them one day when I am older, so I am going to hang on to this book for a little while.

My son (who is now 11) loved this book when he was a toddler. Now his 2 year old sister adores it too. The illustrations are both beautiful and funny. My daughter loves to play "where's the ..." with the action packed pictures. I toddler must read!

Piggies Piggies, written by Audrey and Don Wood, is an exciting, imaginative, and interesting children's book. It is based on a child's view about his/her fingers, better known in this book as "piggies." The illustrator's use of small, decorative pigs on each finger gives a great visual to the reader to capture the child's imagination. Each pig is dressed differently, and each one has a different facial expression. The wonderful and brightly-colored backgrounds of pink, blue, and purple are clearly appropriate for this type of book. In the book, the imagination of the child takes control. The story takes the child on a wild journey in which the child's fingers travel around the world. The child also gives each finger a name such as "long," "fat," and "wee fingers." Piggies is a great book

that I recommend for all children. It is easy to read, clear to understand, and lots of fun. If you haven't read this amazing book, what are you waiting for? Read and enjoy the adventurous journey of the "piggies!"

We have two copies of this book, one we've had for 14 years now and we absolutely love this book! My children wanted this book read every night at bedtime for years, especially since at the end of the story we'd use our little piggies to "skip down their tummies and dance on their toes" just before their kiss goodnight. This short story is just delightful. The illustrations are wonderful and every time we'd read it we'd discover something new like, how the left hand smart piggy always has an item in his hand on one page that he'll use on the next page. Our original book has been taped repeatedly and my 16 yr old who got the book as a birthday gift when he was 2 still doesn't want to get rid of the book! It's like an old teddy bear.

This was a childhood favorite of my daughter and I just bought it for my new granddaughter. It has beautiful illustrations and the story is so simple that a child will start to memorize it after several readings. We always heard, "Tell me "Piggies"". It is a book that every childhood library should have in it.

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