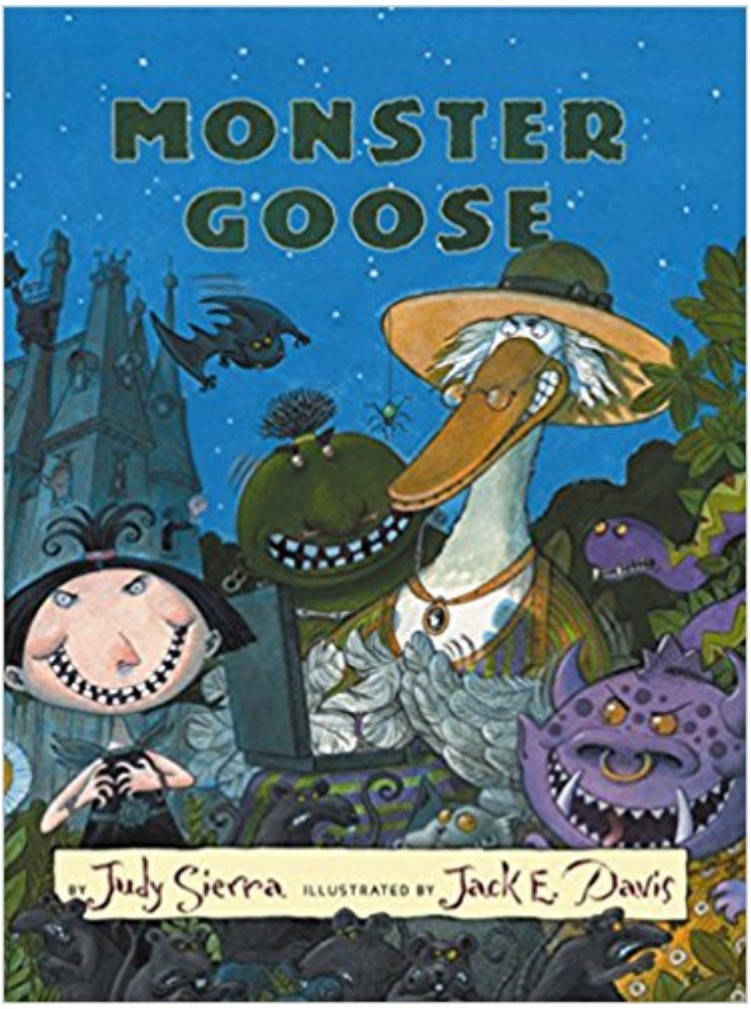
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Monster Goose: A Magic Shop Book



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Synopsis

Old Monster Goose has turned Mother GooseÃ¢â ¬â„¢s world of nursery rhymes inside out! Here she presents twenty-five deliciously disgusting new poems, filled with rodents and maggots, zombies and ghouls, spiders and, of course, monsters. Remember King Cole? That terrible troll washes his feet in the toilet bowl. And poor Mistress Mary, her gardenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s quite scary--its killer potatoes ate all her tomatoes and now are out looking for Mary! From the bestselling author of Antarctic Antics: A Book of Penguin Poems and the popular illustrator of the Zack Files comes a zany book that has everyone talking:Ã¢â ¬Å“Terribly tasteless. Downright gross.Ã¢â ¬Â•--Mother GooseÃ¢â ¬Å“Somebody, help!Ã¢â ¬Â•--Mistress Mary

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Customer Reviews

Something has happened to good old Mother Goose--she's not the same kindly storyteller she once was. In fact, that isn't Mother Goose tapping away at her laptop computer at all. It's Monster Goose! With a diabolical grin beneath her granny glasses and fangs peeking out from her beak, this twisted matriarch wreaks marvelously evil havoc on 25 favorite nursery rhymes. Now featuring ghouls, vampire bats, and cannibals, these verses appeal to the perverse corner in every reader's mind. Just a taste: There was an old zombie who lived in a shoe. She had so many maggots, she didn't know what to do. So she soaked them in soapsuds and painted them green. She'll be giving them

out next Halloween. Not for the faint of heart, Judy Sierra's grisly rhymes are accompanied by such fabulously hideous illustrations by Jack E. Davis (the Zack Files series, Bedhead, etc.), any potential nightmares will be diverted by helpless giggles. Readers will delight in identifying the original classic nursery rhymes behind such titles as "Mary Had a Vampire Bat," "Weird Mother Hubbard," "Hush, Little Monster," and "Werewolf Bo-Creep." Sierra and Davis are an ingenious pair indeed. For more ghoulish nonsense, don't miss Sierra's The House that Drac Built. And for still more playful poems, try her Antarctic Antics: A Book of Penguin Poems. (Ages 5 and older) --Emilie Coulter

Sierra (There's a Zoo in Room 22) and Davis (Bedhead) replace storybook characters with their ghoulish alter egos in this silly-scary Mother Goose knockoff. Every spread presents one revised rhyme and pictures the comical doppelg„nger of a familiar figure. In "Mary Had a Vampire Bat," a fiendish girl frightens her classmates with her pet: "She brought him out for show-and-tell;/ The teacher screamed and ran./ And school was canceled for a week,/ Just as Mary planned." Green-skinned "Cannibal Horner" chomps off his own thumb ("A tasty young morsel am I!"), and the usual mouse is upstaged in "Slithery, dithery, dock,/ The snake slid up the clock." Sierra invites a sing-along in "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Slug" and "The itsy-bitsy spider/ Climbed up the warthog's snout," and she turns a song of sixpence into an even less appetizing yarn: "Sing a song of sea slime, sewer gas, and sludge./ Four and twenty wharf rats dipped in mocha fudge." Davis, working in acrylics and colored pencil, crowds his illustrations with monsters, vermin and gross gags. But he indicates the verses' humor by giving the characters diabolical ear-to-ear grins, shifty eyes and skulky postures. The Goose has been spoofed before, but this volume strikes a nice balance between goofy and ghastly. Ages 5-8. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

This book is a lot of fun my son absolutely loves this book and he's only three. I highly recommend it especially for those who like to make books fun by changing your voice this book is a lot of fun to read has some cute rhymes it's a little dark so if your kid is easily scared this is not for them because the rhymes are a little creepy but overall I think a lot of fun.

Love the book! So funny ! Perfect for Halloween

The book is great and in very good condition. It was also delivered in a timely manner. Thank you

I got this for a child and, upon reading it, gave it to his mother! It was a little rough (concepts were

above age level) for a four-year-old. But mom *loved* it. The child might get it from her when he's closer to ... maybe 7. If she'll give it to him.

We got this book from the library, and my daughter loves it so much, we kept renewing it!So, now I got on the site to get our own copy as I am tired of renewing! This is such an unusual, original book, all the children that visit us love it, too - the pictures are a blast! I am glad to see so many positive reviews, too. This one is going to be part of our library - and I rarely do buy children's books.

I'm not a huge fan of the twist on the standard nursery rhymes, but my class loves it every year!

Love, love, love! Will use the week before Halloween for a fun 5th grade writing activity.

I an neither a parent nor a child. I purchased this book for myself looking for fun and because I'm always looking for good illustrations. I admit the latter were not my cup-of-tea, but I can see where kids might like them. My concern came with one rhyme and its accompanying illustration. It went like this: "Jack Sprat/Ate some fat/AND DRANK SOME GASOLINE./He lit his pipe/And in one swipe/Invented Lean Cuisine." (emphasis mine). The illustration has 2 children sitting at a table eating snacks. The seat between them at the table has a pipe smoking skeleton holding a glass and a can of gasoline with some of its contents spilled on the table. I'm not a scrooge, nor am I narrow minded. I am for reasonable responsibility and I don't think telling 5 year olds that Jack Sprat drank gasoline is a very good idea. Otherwise the book's okay. Just know that you better read it with your children.

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