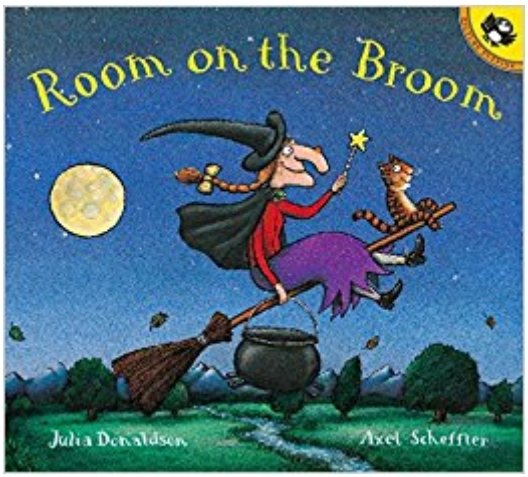
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Room On The Broom



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Synopsis

The witch and her cat are happily flying through the sky on a broomstick when the wind picks up and blows away the witch’s hat, then her bow, and then her wand!Ã Â Luckily, three helpful animals find the missing items, and all they want in return is a ride on the broom.Ã Â But is there room on the broom for so many friends?Ã Â And when disaster strikes, will they be able to save the witch from a hungry dragon?

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Customer Reviews

There’s always room for one more on this affable witch’s broomstick... or is there? In another mild-mannered tale from the creators of the Smarties Prize-winning picture book, The Gruffalo, a witch and her happily purring cat fly through the wind on their broomstick, without a care in the world, until the witch’s black hat blows away. In the process of retrieving it, they pick up another passenger, a polite and helpful dog. All goes well until the witch’s hair bow flies off. And then her wand. And then real disaster strikes--in the shape of a big red dragon, a broken broom, and some very important (but notably absent) friends. Julia Donaldson’s story, though not earthshaking in plot or rhyme, is a pleasant way to pass the time leading up to the witching hour (Halloween!) especially when paired with the friendly illustrations by Axel Scheffler. Readers will especially love the final

illustration, in which our heroes solve their space problems once and for all. (Ages 4 to 7) --Emilie Coulter --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

In this lightweight, witty story, helpful animals find "room on the broom" of a generous witch. At first, a striped cat accompanies the cheerful sorceress: "How the cat purred/ and how the witch grinned,/ As they sat on their broomstick/ and flew through the wind." Next, a spotted dog retrieves the witch's flyaway black hat and asks to come aboard. The three riders soon welcome a green parrot (who finds the witch's lost hair ribbon) and a frog (who rescues her wand from the bottom of a pond). When threatened by a dragon, the loyal animals form a "Brementown Musicians" chimera whose "terrible voice,/ when it started to speak,/ was a yowl and a growl/ and a croak and a shriek." The witch repays them by conjuring a cushier vehicle. Donaldson and Scheffler, previously paired for The Gruffalo, emphasize the airborne animals' contentment and evoke sympathy for the broom's driver. In Scheffler's comical panels and insets, the witch has a warty nose and lace-up boots, but wears a pleasant smile; Donaldson puts a spooky/silly spin on the folktale format. The metrical rhyme and goofy suspense aren't groundbreaking, but readers will likely find it refreshing to see a witch playing against type. Ages 4-8. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

I seriously love this story. I actually saw it on Netflix first and thought it was so adorable and cute. So when I found out that it was actually a childrens book of course I jumped on my trusty and ordered one right away.I ordered the board book because I have an 18 month old that just LOVES the sound of paper ripping so the paperback probably not a good idea for a couple more years. Book came undamaged and a perfect size for me to read to my toddler.He loves to point out the kitty and the puppy, and we are working on 'frog' and 'bird'. Such an adorable friendship story! Good for your own children or to give as a gift for a child under the age of 8.This is also the same author as The Gruffalo which is another wonderful story! Both book AND claymation stories recommended. If fact, anything from Julia Donaldson!I paid full price for this item and review it to give other buyers out there more information not listed and whether I would recommended it.

A cute story with beautiful illustrations. My granddaughter who just turned three loves this story and wants to read it over and over again. Her five year old brother loves the story too and if I'm reading to both of them they take turns reading the pages. Because we've read it so often they have the entire story memorized.The witch is a very sweet witch who first loses her hat and when she and

her cat go down to the ground to find her hat there is no hat to be found. A dog finds the hat and after giving it to the witch ask "is there room on the broom for a dog like me?" The witch says "yes" and they all clamber on. The story turns into an adventure after picking up a couple other animals. The broom eventually snaps in two and the witch is taken by a dragon who's favorite meal is "witch with french fries." The story is adorable and because my granddaughter is so irresistible and asked her grandpa if he could make her a "Truly Magnificent Broom", he already has planned how he's going to build it and it' has been my job to collect the appropriate stuffed toys from to get the job finished. You really have to get the book. It will be a favorite for sure!

While many see this book as a Halloween book, it can really be read year round. My 4 year old loves this book and I read it to her preschool class - they all loved it too. It has great rhyming, fun characters and teaches about acceptance and team work. There is a dragon in this story and a "swamp creature" that could scare younger readers. The dragon talks about eating the witch - again, not scary to my 4 year old but I could see where a younger crowd might not like that! This is one of the most read books in our collection.

My 3yo daughter is obsessed with this book and the movie as well. I'm not usually into witches and magic type things for her, but this is really cute, not scary at all, and the pictures are really fun to look at. We love the rhymes and are now in love with all of the Julia Donaldson books!

After checking out this book from the library, my son was requesting it daily. We couldn't wait to add it to our personal library permanently, but when it arrived, the text was different from the version we had grown to love.Instead of the adorable text:"A witch with french fries tastes delicious to me!" and "Just this once I'll have witch WITHOUT fries!"we found the unappetizing text:"And you, witch, look like a good supper to me" and "He said, 'I won't let you go, do you think I'm a fool?'"Say what?!Others have experienced the same thing, so please go and look at a physical copy in a book store instead of ordering through if you want to be guaranteed the original (and far superior!) version.This copy is going back to , and I've already talked to Barnes and Noble about getting the correct version. It's worth the extra 3 bucks. The original version gets a perfect 5 star rating, but we are completely disappointed in what shipped to us.

Very cute story with a witch and her new friends, a dragon, and a surprising encounter that ends with not so scary of an ending. Love that the book rhymes and my children love it. Purchased in

cardboard book format and grateful that I did because this books pages are turned quite a bit! Great story for all young children.

This is the most advanced book my son owns (He’s 2). But he still loves it and recites most of it, just because the rhyming is so well done. We skipped over parts of it to start with but then as he got hooked, we expanded to reading the whole thing aloud. The language is very good with an unusually large vocabulary for a toddler’s book. The story is dramatic enough to allow for "funny voices" and theatrics while reading together, yet is not scary. My version had the original much-loved "witch without fries" line which we all find hilarious.This along with The Gruffalo are important parts of our home-library now.Would definitely recommend to friends or buy to gift other kids for their birthdays.

4, 5, and 6 year olds will enjoy having this book read to them provided the reader pays attention to the expression a few of the words should convey....like, on a mission to retrieve her wand....."Down"! goes the witch needs to be articulated with vigor....and again when she seeks to retrieve her hat...."Down"! goes the witch needs similar vigor of voice to reflect the witch’s determination....and again when....well, you get the gist. Following, as each mission is accomplished, the witch goes "Whoosh" back in to the air. Note to reader: a "whooshing sound" each time she takes to the air will do wonders to illustrate the sound the witch and her broom make as she heads back into the night sky! It is a delightful tale of her finding new but different creatures who become her friends and later, when she finds a fierce dragon (or rather when it finds her) she needs friends indeed, along with a wonderful creature from the lagoon who....oh well, you’ll just have to read it. It’s delightful.

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