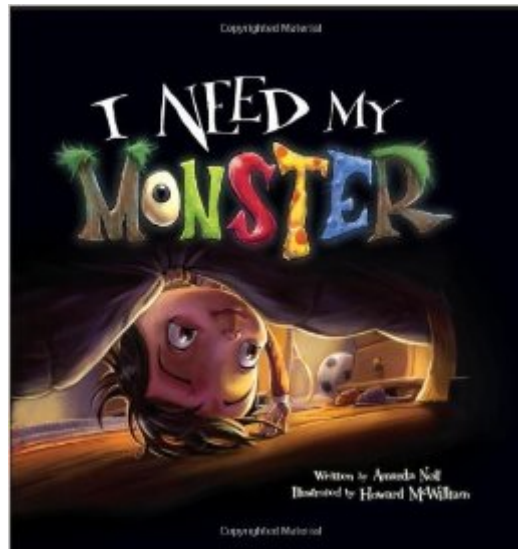


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# I Need My Monster



## Synopsis

A unique monster-under-the-bed story with the perfect balance of giggles and shivers, this picture book relies on the power of humor over fear, appeals to a child's love for creatures both alarming and absurd, and glorifies the scope of a child's imagination. One night, when Ethan checks under his bed for his monster, Gabe, he finds a note from him instead: "Gone fishing. Back in a week." Ethan knows that without Gabe's familiar nightly scares he doesn't stand a chance of getting to sleep, so Ethan interviews potential substitutes to see if they've got the right equipment for the job "pointy teeth, sharp claws, and a long tail" but none of them proves scary enough for Ethan. When Gabe returns sooner than expected from his fishing trip, Ethan is thrilled. It turns out that Gabe didn't enjoy fishing because the fish scared too easily. Scholastic Book Club Selection Winner of 6 state awards: Alabama Camellia Award (2010-2011), Arizona Grand Canyon Reader Award (2011), California Young Readers Medal (2011-12), Georgia Picture Storybook Award (2011-12), Nevada Young Reader Award (2011-12), Virginia Reader's Choice Primary Award (2012-13) Included on 5 other state award lists: Mississippi Magnolia Children's Choice Award list (2012-13), Nebraska Golden Sower Award list (2011-12), South Dakota Prairie Bud Award list (2011-12), Washington Children's Choice Book Award list (2010-2011), Wyoming Buckaroo Award list (2011-12) Additionally, these regional awards lists: Connecticut Charter Oak Children's Book Award list (2011-12), Iowa Regional Goldfinch Award Winner (2009-10) Storytelling World Award Honor Book 2010

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## Customer Reviews

A lot of what I have to say is the same as everyone else, but I feel so strongly about it that I have to repeat it. This story is based on such a well-known childhood myth, but is at the same time so creative, that I am amazed everytime we read it at our house. Additionally, as mentioned by others, the illustrations are beautiful, Disney-Pixar-esque. I really believe that I like this story more than my boys right now! Our sons are 4 and 2 and even though my little one will sit still for any story, it is definitely a little old for him. My 4 year old is just starting to get interested after a few weeks of reading it. So, 4 years and up is probably ideal for this book. I keep them interested by using different voices for the different monsters and really exaggerate when I am reading the boy Ethan's parts. This book is truly joyful, and my intent when I bought it was to eliminate the possibility that my worry-wart of a 4 year old would decide to be scared of monsters (he tends to get ahold of an idea and not let go and deciding to be scared of monsters under the bed seemed right up his alley.) Now that we have this story and he giggles about it, I know he will not develop that particular fear. I am so glad we bought this book. Buy it for yourself as well as your kids, it's always nice to enjoy what you are reading to them!

At first I thought this book might instill bedtime fears. My little guy has never complained of being in the dark or been afraid of monsters, and admittedly, I was nervous to read this book to him. I couldn't have been more wrong. He LOVES this book. He anticipates the different personalities of the monsters and their different quirks. His favorite part is when one of the monsters, Mack, with the big fat tongue hanging out, threatens to lick Ethan, the main character. Tooooo funny!! I would highly recommend this book for kids 4-7 who enjoy a delightful scare and have a goofy sense of humor.

The story is charming and the artwork is fantastic. You will need a voice for the little boy and 5 monster voices but save the best monster voice for Gabe who appears last. Maybe it was just me but I did not see any way to enlarge the very tiny font size for reading on the Kindle Fire. I also tried it using the Cloud Reader. The initial instructions said to double tap but that did not work for me. That is the only reason why I did not give it 5 stars.

I am using this book for several lessons in my fourth grade classroom. This book has wonderful descriptive language, so I am using it this month for a Halloween writing. Students will create their own monsters and then write about them. I will create a bulletin board of a bed and put all of our monsters underneath! I am also using this book for a springboard for a math lesson on combinations. Students will select body parts and figure out how many different monsters (combinations) they can make. There is so much to do with this very engaging book!

I THINK THE REASON I TRULY ENJOY READING THIS BOOK TO MY GRANDCHILDREN IS THE SMART LANGUAGE AND INCREDIBLE ILLUSTRATIONS... THE TEXT IS FUNNY, COLORFUL AND CHILDREN REALLY GET IT. THIS IS MY GO TO BOOK TO BUY WHEN A GIFT IS NEEDED.

This is a great story for those who struggle to find stories to keep their little ones (in my case boys) entertained all the way to the end of the book. They say the best children's books are the ones that keep both the parent and the child entertained, this book surely does that. The text and illustrations work so well together to peak the imaginations of my boys. No need to worry about this book being too scary the author has made this a great story of an unusual friendship.

This book is me and my second graders absolute favorite read alouds. Year after year my students ask me to read this to them over and over again. It has wonderful visuals, and amazing adjectives that work well during our descriptive writing unit! The best part is you can read this aloud and later have your children watch it on [storylineonline.com](http://storylineonline.com) (famous actors read aloud the books using full screen pictures)

This story is about a boy whose monster went fishing for a week. He couldn't sleep without a monster under his bed. He tried to get a new monster but none of the new monsters could scare him. The other monsters were funny but he needed to be scared. Will he ever be able to get some sleep? We thought this was a great book because it was funny. All the monsters made us laugh, except Gabe. We laughed when the monster stuck out his tongue. We liked that none of the other monsters could scare him except Gabe. Our favorite character was Gabe. We love the details in the pictures.

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