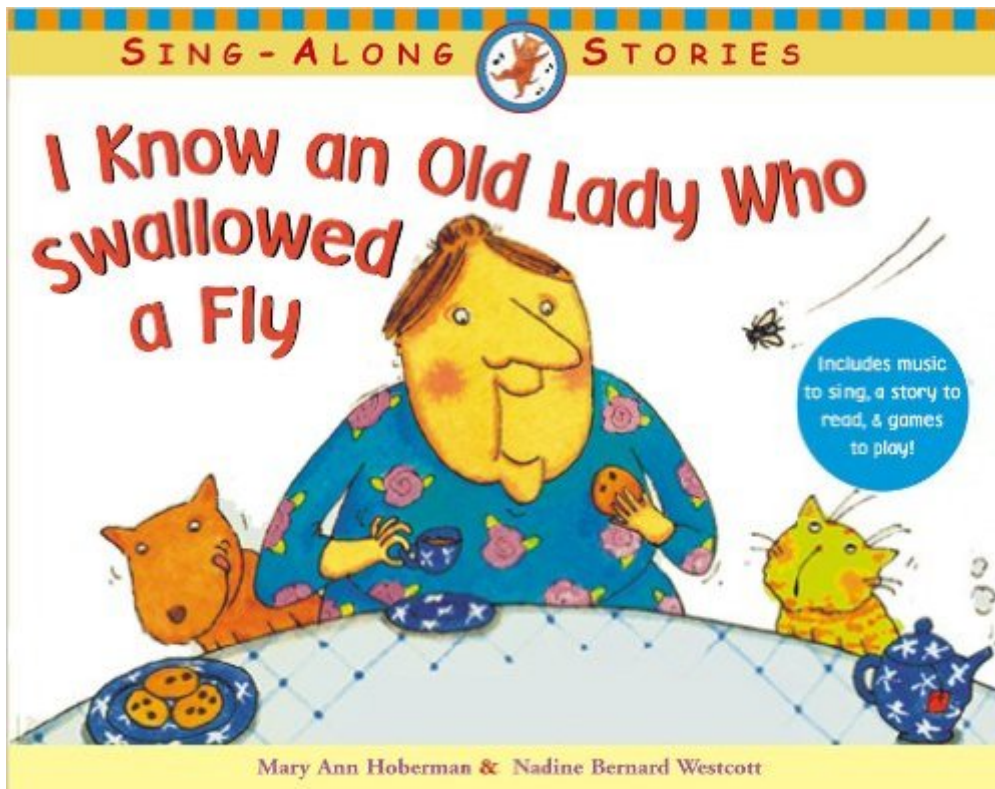


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I Know An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly



Synopsis

A cumulative folk song in which the solution proves worse than the predicament when an old lady swallows a fly.

Book Information

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Age Range: 2 - 4 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Everyone else seems to adore this book so I guess I have lost my sense of humor because I just don't like this particular version-- at least not for the 3 and under set. My first objection stems from the use of bug spray by the 'old lady' to get rid of the fly. She is shown sitting on a couch surrounded by cans of depleted insecticide while spraying more in her mouth. Rather than find this funny, it scared me to think that some child might get a notion to copy this activity. Then second is my objection to boiling a cat and chasing a dog with the same intent. Now most children wouldn't do this so that's not a problem but I still don't like the idea of introducing this weird concept to my little boy. (My son asked me if we needed to keep our cat inside and safe from the neighbors - hmmm.) The funny part of all of this is that I don't mind when the old lady just pops the animals down her throat. Go figure. In any case, Nadine Westcott is a good story teller and her artwork is clever, but I still have to give this book two stars because of the above reservations. [A 'Thought You Should Know' review]

I am a teacher and have therefore read many of the variations of "I Know An Old Lady Who

Swallowed a Fly". My review takes into consideration my friends', family, and students' opinions as well as my own. I would have to say that this version is by far the best. The pictures are adorable, the writing is clever, and it is one of the few variations that includes a goat in the story. As a teacher, I also highly recommend purchasing the doll that goes with this book. As you read along the children can stuff each animal into her mouth(the kids love it). Of course, you can do this activity with any variation of the book, but I suggest Nadine Bernard Westcott's.

This is a book that I read as a child. I loved it then, and I still love it. When I need to get away from the stress of the world, I read this book. I read it to my nieces and nephew---THEY LOVE IT! It is truly a classic. Buy it! You will not regret it.

The great mystery of one woman's dietary adventure has intrigued children for generations. Although she has avoided the stronger points of both the South Beach and the Atkins diets, she did bring in a diverse meal plan with lots of protein with minimal carbs. The woman described through pictures here is not a pleasant, friendly woman, but one who is terribly overweight, and who apparently eats her pets as well as bugs. Look out Fido! Look out Fluffy! It is the tale oft-told, and the rhymes will please the young one's ears. It is easy to remember, and so much fun that you may find yourself humming the tune. Like the classic folk story, "Stone Soup," the song builds with each retelling. First, she eats a fly, then a spider, then a bird. You get the idea. While her plan was not to eat any of these things, she does. While the pictures are fun, it is the song we all love, and the one you and your family can sing on vacations, school busses. It works in rounds, or in groups. The children are sure to giggle through it, since funny vocal inflections beg to be employed. I fully recommend "I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly." But, I must admit, I don't know why she swallowed the fly. Your guess what will happen to her is as good as mine. Anthony Trendleitor, HungarianBookstore.com

My 4-year old nephew loves this story, so I bought him this version for his 4th birthday. We have two other versions (a really creepy old one and a newer, confusing-to-read one). This one is great; He wanted me to read it immediately! The illustrations are fabulous, engaging, and creative. I am a teacher, so I really appreciate that the visuals promoted engaged reading and discussion of the text. I also love that this book mostly maintains the classic story (the ending is altered) while adding innovative illustrations that add so much to the story. This is my new favorite version. It is adorable! One last note...In the back, they have included some tips on how to make this a more

educational experience for kids. It is a good place to start if you aim to engage your kids a bit more.

When I was a child, my mother would sing me a funny little song about an old woman who accidentally swallowed a fly and all the crazy things she did to try to rectify the problem. This is that story with wonderful illustrations that follow the old woman and her very nervous pets through her adventure. This is a great sing along story for kids.

One of my daughter's favorite books as a young child. So much fun to read! I buy this book for every baby born among my family and friends. And my cousin's one year-old seems to think it tastes as good as it reads.

I know this poem by heart but I have a great granddaughter who lives very far away, and I am unable to teach it to her. I bought this book because my grandson will read it to her like I read/said it to him ..GREATBOOK !

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