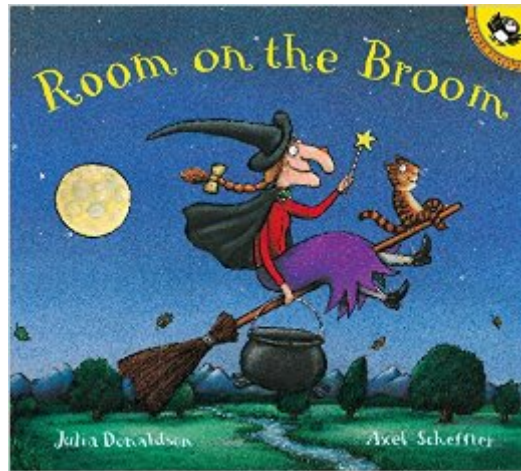


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# Room On The Broom



## 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! Luckily, three helpful animals find the missing items, and all they want in return is a ride on the broom. But is there room on the broom for so many friends? And when disaster strikes, will they be able to save the witch from a hungry dragon?

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

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## Customer Reviews

My 3.5-year-old son loves this book. The illustrations are clever and charming and the simple, repetitive rhymes are perfect for young listeners. It is a joy to read aloud. It is one of my top 10 books to give as a gift. A witch and her cat are flying around and encounter three other animals that would like to know if there is room on the broom for an animal like them. The reply is always an enthusiastic "Yes!" (Now who wouldn't like a ride on a broom?) This book is generally not found on bookstore shelves because it is considered a Halloween book, but it is fun reading any time of year. After numerous renewals from the library, we purchased our own copy. (We also own and highly recommend "The Spiffiest Giant in Town" and "The Gruffalo.") When our ordered book came in the mail, my husband read it and noticed that his favorite line said by the dragon, "witch without fries" is

not in the book! We like the original verse, "The dragon drew near with a glint in his eyes, and said, "Just this once I'll have witch without fries." That has been replaced with "The dragon drew nearer and started to drool. He said, "I won't let you go- do you think I'm a fool?" I believe the publisher has corrected the problem. Either way, you'll be happy to own it! Every time I am in the children's section of my local library, I look up Donaldson on the shelves and take out her books to put up on top for parents to see it and easily grab it. Children (and parents) get a beautifully illustrated story which highlight friendship, cooperation, politeness and generosity. (My son is 6 now and my daughter is 2. I love that I can still read this book to them and they love it!)

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.

We loved this book when we checked it out from the library. Unfortunately, in the copy we ordered, two of the best verses were changed. Fortunately there were some other reviews talking about this problem, so I knew to check. What a disappointment--the "witch with french fries sounds delicious to me!" and "I think just this once I'll have witch without fries" lines are some of my son's favorites. In the changed version they are replaced with bland alternatives, and one verse doesn't even scan anymore. Many thanks to the reviewers who alerted me, or I would have had a very confused and sad little birthday boy.

What a fun book for Halloween or anytime! The book offers a gentle lesson in cooperation as the animals work together to rescue their friend. (It's a dirty job, but somebody had to do it--you'll see what I mean when you read the book.) The rhymes work well for reading aloud and the vividly colored illustrations are full of details that little children will want to look at again and again. For the most part the characters are smiling (except, of course, when the dragon tries to eat the witch).

Even the youngest child will not feel threatened by either the characters or the plot. I have a feeling this is going to be the featured story at my Halloween story hours this year.

Funny, that this is the first book my husband picks up every night to read to our daughter. He asked me to buy all of her books! He loves her style and the illustrations are excellent. My daughter loves this book and it is not scary at all! Buy this book and her others you will not be disappointed!

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 children's 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. In 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 recommend it.

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