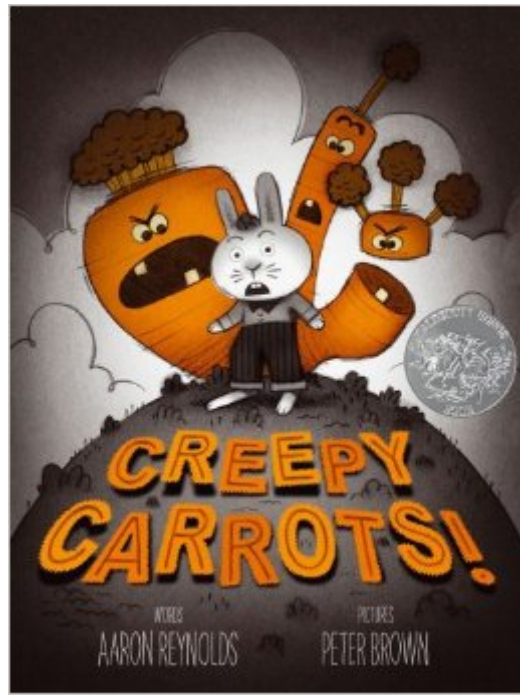


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Creepy Carrots!



Synopsis

In this Caldecott Honor-winning picture book, The Twilight Zone comes to the carrot patch as a rabbit fears his favorite treats are out to get him. Jasper Rabbit loves carrots especially Crackenhopper Field carrots. He eats them on the way to school. He eats them going to Little League. He eats them walking home. Until the day the carrots start following him...or are they? Celebrated artist Peter Brown's stylish illustrations pair perfectly with Aaron Reynolds' text in this hilarious picture book that shows it's all fun and games until you get too greedy.

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Customer Reviews

Jasper Rabbit loves carrots. He likes to pull them from Crackenhopper Field and snack on them often throughout the day. Then, one day, Jasper gets the feeling that the carrots are following him. Will anyone believe him? What will he do to keep the evil carrots away? I was pleasantly surprised with this book. No, that's not completely true. Knowing who the illustrator was and seeing the adorable illustration on the cover, I had high hopes. I wasn't disappointed at all. The story was just as awesome as the illustrations. The ending made me chuckle while still teaching kids a lesson. Greed isn't good. Jasper was greedy, and the carrots came after him. Don't worry parents, they didn't attack him or anything scary. The ending was actually really funny. Speaking of scary, I

thought this book seemed scary for a picture book. At first, that made me wonder if it was really worthy of 5 stars. My first thought when reviewing books is to see if I can read it aloud in storytime. Books that don't seem even slightly scary to me have scared small children. I could see children who are easily frightened absolutely hating this book. The thing is, the illustrations on the cover and the fact that the word "creepy" is in the title makes it pretty obvious that the book is scary. I will not be reading it in storytime for any children under the age of 6, but that doesn't mean it is a bad story. Any child who likes scary stories, or at least isn't afraid of them, will love this book. If I had a child who was easily scared, I would be able to tell that this book isn't for him. The illustrations fit the tone of this book perfectly. I love the way each page has just a touch of orange, either as the carrots or as the objects that Jasper might have thought WERE the carrots. It helps paint the story and keep the kids (and adults) guessing to see if Jasper really IS seeing carrots or just imagining them. Overall, this picture book is definitely a winner.

What is the scariest vegetable of all time? Broccoli? Rutabaga? Black olives, perhaps? Kids have been debating this question for centuries. If you asked Jasper Rabbit, however, he would tell you that you're barking up the wrong produce aisle. Everyone knows that the scariest vegetable of all time is any vegetable that follows you home. At least everyone knows this who has read *Creepy Carrots!*, a brilliant new picture book by Aaron Reynolds and Peter Brown. *Creepy Carrots!* chronicles the harrowing journey of Jasper Rabbit, a young bunny whose greed for carrots proves to be his own undoing. Jasper loves carrots. He can't get enough of them, especially the ones from Crackenhopper field. But one day, as Jasper is about to help himself to another snack, he hears it - "The soft . . . sinister . . . tunktunktunk of carrots creeping." From there it goes from bad to worse. Paranoid Jasper sees the creeping carrots everywhere: in his bathtub, in the garden shed and even in his bedroom at night. Or does he? Every time a grown up enters the picture it seems that Jasper is just suffering from an overactive imagination. There's nothing to be worried about or so it seems. Is Jasper crazy or are the vegetables really out to get him? That is the sheer joy of reading *Creepy Carrots!* It keeps you guessing until the very satisfying end. Reynolds' tight text coupled with Brown's ominous black and white (and orange) drawings strike the perfect almost spooky tone for 4-8 year olds. It's sure to entertain any kids who love a little moody mystery in their picture books. Brown's illustrations of the carrots are certainly creepy, but probably not genuinely scary except to the most sensitive of younger kids. The exaggerated camera angles and shadowy drawings contrast nicely with the soft, cuddly images of Jasper, creating what feels like a tongue-in-cheek Twilight Zone for kids. Speaking of which, fans of this book will also want to check

out Peter Brown's Vimeo video, the Creepy Carrots Zone, which chronicles the old movies and TV shows Brown watched to nail the right look for Jasper's tale. Guess what, Peter? It worked. Not only is this book a blast, but it would make a great read for parents who want an entertaining excuse to talk about their child's fears, greed or even the impact we have on the environment. But for those who are simply looking for a playful story with cool visuals, Creepy Carrots! does not disappoint.

The other reviews are already so well detailed that I'll keep mine short and sweet. I absolutely love this book. I've read complaints that it's not scary enough - um, hello, it's a PICTURE BOOK FOR CHILDREN! It's definitely a little creepy but those elements are also conveyed in more or less intensity by the person reading the book. I read it to my 4 and 6 year old nephews and they loved it. I probably could have made it more creepy for the 6 yr old but they both thought it was funny. The story itself is clever and unexpected and the illustrations are gorgeous - a real departure from the traditional picture book color palette. Peter Brown did a great trailer explaining his process and inspiration if that kind of thing interests you. Enjoy!

My daughter (in kindergarten) really loves this. It's got just the right amount of 'creepiness' for her age group. The very limited color palette might put off some kids, but it's a favorite in my house.

Jasper Rabbit loves to eat carrots. He cannot stop eating carrots. He stops by the carrot patch every chance he gets. But one day, Jasper swears that the carrots start following him. Jasper sees carrots everywhere. No one believes Jasper, so he decides to take matters into his own hands to stop those creepy carrots from following him. The story by Aaron Reynolds is enhanced by the illustrations by Peter Brown. Brown's pictures are in stark blacks with bright oranges. The revelations of what Jasper believes to be creepy carrots as ordinary household items are among some of the best illustrations. The twist of an ending makes this a truly enjoyable, quirky little mystery of sorts. Perhaps not for young, young children, but any child with a unique sense of humor will appreciate the creepiness of these carrots. Perhaps especially the ones who don't like to eat their vegetables.

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