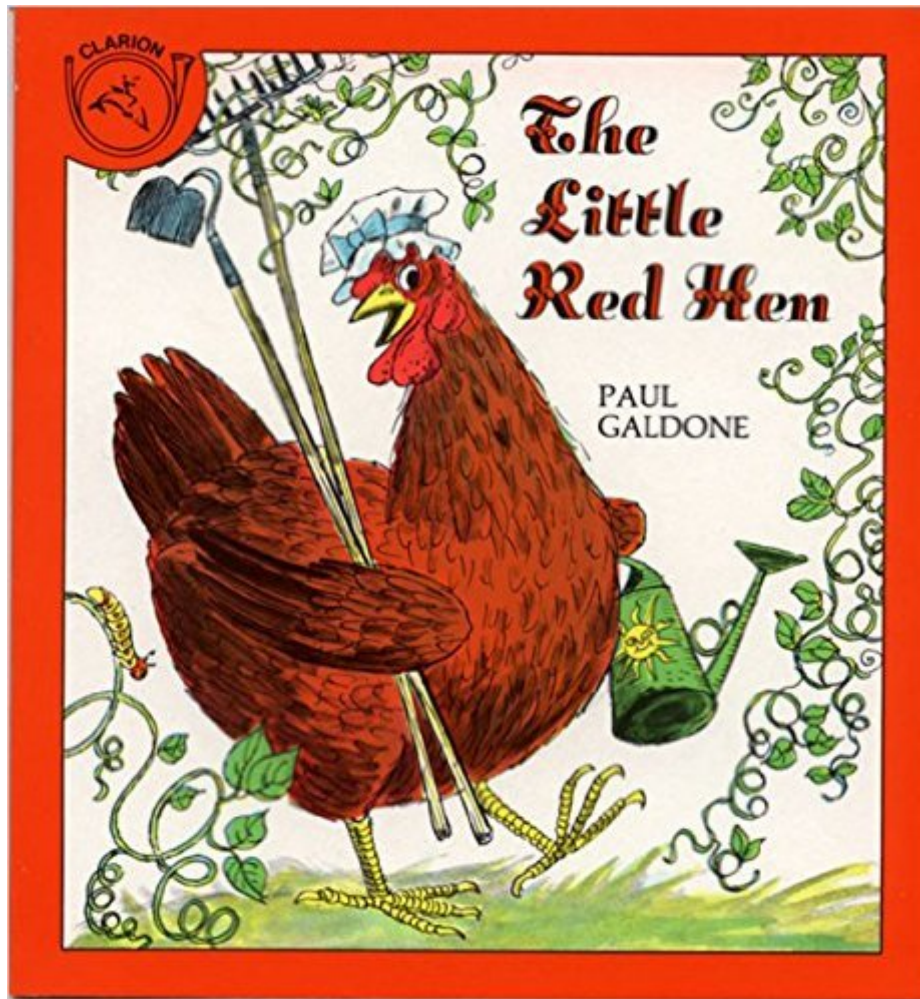


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# The Little Red Hen (Paul Galdone Classics)



## Synopsis

Little Red Hen is a time-tested cautionary tale about how we reap what we sow. When the hen asks a cat, dog, and mouse for help planting some wheat, she gets no takers: "âNot I!â" said the cat. âNot I!â" said the dog. âNot I!â" said the mouse." They wonât water, cut, or grind the wheat . . . or help bake a cake with it, either. So guess who eats the cake by herself in the end? The Caldecott Honor artist Paul Galdoneâs delightfully detailed ink and wash illustrationsâ packed with charming detailsâ add plenty of sly humor to the well-loved story that not only offers a sage message but also shows children what it takes to make a cake from the ground up!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Paul Galdone is on my entering kindergartener's Summer Reading List and I can certainly understand why. He has a marvelous way of drawing expressions and displaying, with detail, a story in a manner that makes it real and concrete for little children. Certainly, my children (3 and 5; boy and girl respectively) like this version of the Little Red Hen. And I found it really useful as a learning tool too. While other versions just have the repetitive print "Not I" standing on it's own, the Galdone version has a picture of each animal next to the words. These pictures allow even a toddler to participate in 'reading' the story aloud. A Great Addition to the home library. Some lesson activities for the "Little Red Hen" suggested by various websites include:--Talking with older children about

whether the Hen's treatment of her housemates was justified. Could Hen have handled the situation in another way?--Tying the book into a lesson about plant growth, and/or cake making.--Talking about Teamwork and then how families work as a team.-- Reading different versions and discussing the merits of one versus the other.-- For younger children, having them recite and fill in the blanks as you read.

The Little Red Hen finds some grains of wheat on the ground, and asks for help in planting them. But her shiftless roommates, the dog, the cat, and the mouse, all refuse to help plant the wheat, water it, reap it, grind it, or bake a cake from the wheat. When the cake is ready to be eaten, they all want to help, but the hen eats the cake by herself. In the end, the lazy trio has learned to help with the household chores. This is a nice simple story with a good rhythm and refrain (Not I! said the dog; Not I! said the cat; Not I! said the mouse) that should be very reassuring to a young child. The pictures in my 1974 edition (also by Galdone, I guess, since no illustrator is credited) are very nice, with lots of details to think about and enjoy. The moral is a good one for young children to learn as well. This book has endured through the years because it has all of the elements that make a great kid's book; it is entertaining and comforting, teaches children where food comes from, and contains a lesson about the value of a day's work. I highly recommend it.

You can never go far wrong with fairy tales and Paul Galdone! We have almost all his books, and they are the versions I almost always have read my sons. As in this version, he tells the story clearly, with interesting and detailed but not cluttered pictures. There is something about this particular story my sons have always loved. Perhaps it's because it's a pretty clear-cut ending---the ones who would not help don't get to share the treat, instead of the ending of many more modern tales where all learn their lesson and get included at the end! Kids often like things to be "fair but firm"! They also like the details of the cooking included here. Have a look at all of Galdone's books if you are interested in building up a fairy tale collection.

The little red hen does all the work. She cuts the grass. She baked the bread. She planted the grass. She takes the grass to the miller. My favorite part was when the cat sat down and crossed his arms.

The little Red Hen is one of the cute stories out there for kids that actually have morals to implement within the story itself. It's teaches the moral of helping and what happens if you just sit down and do

nothing but when the job is done, you would get nothing either if you don't help. Little Red Hen found some wheat on the ground and did all the work of growing it, cutting it, grinding it and even to the baker to bake it into bread all by herself because the other animals refuse to even help her to do all of the process above. but in the end when it's all ready to be eaten, the rest jumped up to offer to help her to eat it, but of course, Little Red Hen won't have it their way, for she has done all the work by herself with none of their help so she could do without them this time too

I love this book. I remember it from when I was a kid, and I looked on to find this edition because I like this illustration the best. The book is short, could be read in about five minutes or so, but the drawings are beautiful. Has a great moral to the story. The illustrations are great, not like other ones where the animals look very cartoon-ish, like something out of the Looney Tunes or something; the illustrations on the animals in this book is very accurate to how they would naturally look. You also get an option to view the inside of the book if you want to check out the drawings... mostly, all of these fables are the same, so it's not like you can really said the story is "better" than another version, because they are all the same.

I like Paul Galdone's delightful illustrations and choose the hardcover versions so that these books will last. The Little Red Hen is among the eight or nine books that are included in the "library" I give to newborns. Mr. Galdone has illustrated many of the children's classic stories...and they are available in hard cover and are similar in size, so when presented together, make a nice "set." The parents of the newborns have been pleased with the "library." Incidentally, has a fine selection of Mr. Galdone's books which made it very simple to purchase all seven or eight books in one place. Thank you Paul Galdone for these attractive little books (with fine life's lessons) and also to for making them available and your fine services.

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