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The Three Ninja Pigs



Synopsis

Practice makes perfect in this kick-butt fractured fairy tale. Why does this wolf think he can come to town and blow all the houses down? These three little pigs just aren't going to take it from that bully anymore! The first starts aikido lessons---he'll make mincemeat out of that wolf! His brother learns a little jujitsu--he'll chop that guy to pieces! But when the wolf actually appears, it turns out these two pigs aren't quite ready after all. Good thing their sister has been training every day to master some serious karate moves that save the day. KIYA! Corey Rosen Schwartz serves up a fun combination of smart-aleck dialogue and tongue-in-cheek rhymes that'll have kids howling, and rising star Dan Santat's spunky illustrations are sure to pack a punch!

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

K-Gr 2-In this fractured fairy tale, three little pigs are portrayed as frustrated siblings fed up with a wolf that loves to huff and puff and blow houses down. In an attempt to protect their homes in their Japanese village, they train at a Ninja school. As the first brother begins aikido lessons, he finds himself bored and drops out, which gives him little defense when the wolf comes to call. Pig Two attempts his skill at jujitsu but his confidence is larger than his capabilities, and he is no match for the villain. Their sister is the only one who studies well and practices until she masters karate. When the wolf arrives at her door, she settles the score and sends him running. Learning a lesson from

their gutsy sister, the brothers return to their classes with more determination and success. Unlike the original tale, the pigs are given responsibility for their misfortune and a chance for improvement. The story has a clear message that success requires perseverance. The text and glossary include martial-arts terms. Santat's artwork is in manga style and has wonderful depictions of Japanese scenery and architecture. The pigs are full of motion and emotion as they train and battle with the wolf. Youngsters with an interest in martial arts and those seeking strong female characters will relish this picture book.-Diane Antezzo, Ridgefield Library, CT Â (c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

This riotous rumble of a takeoff begins with three pigs -- two brothers and a sister -- saying enough to the huffy puffy wolf destroying houses in their town. So it's off to the ninja school, where the first brother takes up aikido, but he drops out in two weeks. The second brother takes jujitsu and makes good progress, but he is too impatient to keep up his lessons. Only sister pig, a karate student, becomes so skilled that she can break boards by "performing a perfect pork chop!" Anyone who knows the original story will be well aware of what comes next, but this standout version has so much motion, action, and laughs, kids will feel like they're hearing it for the first time. Schwartz's clever rhyming text flows nicely, and illustrator Santat (who holds a black belt in shotokan) really gets into things. Executed in Sumi brushwork on rice paper (and completed in Adobe Photoshop), the pictures have a three-dimensional feel that's great when kicks and chops are being executed. Sayonara, Mr. Wolf. Preschool-Grade 3. --Ilene Cooper

My kids love this book! My 3 year old daughter was scared sick of the "wolf". After seeing the 3 little pigs by disney and reading the little red riding hood, she was terrified of a fictitious wolf that would come to either blow our house down or tie us up. I tried showing her pictures of cute cuddly wolf cubs, we put up signs by the doors that said "wolf not allowed" and even 'called' the zoo to make sure he was still locked up there...but alas my efforts did not calm her fear. This book did the trick! I love that this book illustrates how to get a bully to leave you alone and you don't really have to physically fight to intimidate the bully -- you can be confident and demonstrate that you shouldn't be "messed with". I also like that it's the sister that is able to fend off the wolf once and for all! You go pig girl number 3! We act it out at night, our 2 year old likes to yell, "NAUGHTY WOLF!" each time he sees him. Yea, naughty wolf -- sister's going to give you a pork chop!

I am a first grade teacher with a special little ninja master in my classroom. While preparing to do a fairy tale unit I came across this book and bought it with one child specifically in mind, however I couldn't be more pleased....there is something in this tale for all to enjoy! They love the rhythm and rhyme and my little girlies loved the fact that the sister kicked bootie in this one! I loved all the "pig" humor being from a county that's claim to fame is the Pork Festival! Now if I can just get my class to get the real message that hard work does pay off we will be in business. Needless to say, I'm buying another copy to give to my little ninja master who comes to school most days either dressed as a ninja or Michael Jackson!

I love this book! It is such a fresh twist on the classic story. The rhymes are clever and fun-great for little ones, but sophisticated enough to keep the adults entertained as well. My son commented on how the pictures were awesome and exciting, full of so much action. In particular, I am thrilled that the pig who saves the day is the female pig. I'm always looking for strong, smart girls in stories as a role model for my daughter and this pig fits the bill. All in all, this is a great book and will be enjoyed over and over by my family.

I bought this because Beekle, a book by Dan Santat is amazing, and this one is too. A new twist on an old tale, and very empowering for girls. Ninja red riding hood is another great book by the same team of author/illustrator. I wish they'd take on more classic tales because their versions are infinitely better than the originals.

My grandson is just 7 yrs. old and loves reading or having a parent read to him every night! He also takes a martial arts class so it ties in nicely with a lesson learned!

This book is a fun retelling of the traditional fairy tale. These three pigs, two brothers and a sister have had "enough!" of the wolf and all his huffing and puffing. They decide to head over to the ninja school to each train in one of three different disciplines of martial arts. However, pig one and pig two believe that after just a little practice they are ready to take on the Big Bad Wolf. They discover that they are not nearly as ready as they originally believed. Pig 3, the sister, is a model of dedicated practice and when her two brothers come running to her house for protection from the wolf, she is ready for him to bring it on! The lesson being, that if one wants to excel at a skill, there is a lot of work and practice involved. This book could be used to support more than one theme. There's bullying and having to practice to become skilled even if one doesn't feel like it. The artwork consists

primarily of brown tones and the characters are drawn with a lot of dramatic expression. There's some clever rhymes but not all of them flow smoothly, a minor criticism. There's a glossary in the back that gives pronunciations and definitions of the martial arts related words that are in the story (dojo, sensei). It would probably be a good idea to read those first before reading the story. This way a child knows what the words mean while they read the story or it is being read to them. Bottom line, it's a worthy purchase.

A great version of the classic fairy tale showing the effects of perseverance and training, above all, I like how it shows the use of strength without violence to solve a problem. Great female protagonist too...

I bought this book for my niece and she loves it! I love this story and children really enjoy it too. I have read this book to students in Kindergarten - 3rd grade and this story always brings out laughs and smiles. :)

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