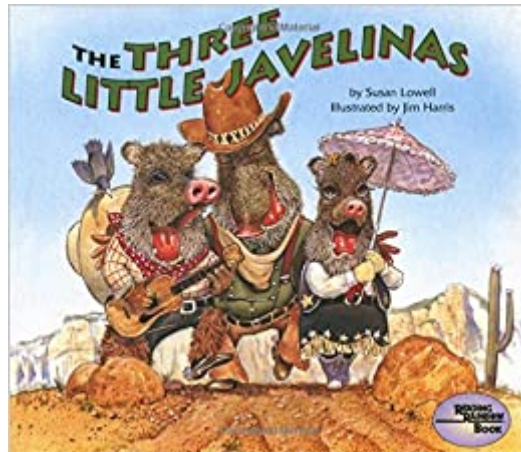


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The Three Little Javelinas (Reading Rainbow Book)



Synopsis

Everyone knows the story of the three little pigs, but now you're going to meet the three little javelinas (pronounced ha-ve-LEE-nas)-loveable, wild, southwestern cousins of pigs. Living in homes built out of tumbleweeds and saguaro ribs (from the fallen giant cacti), the first two javelinas are soon running from the hungry coyote, who had hoped to eat them with red chile sauce. And where do they go for shelter? Why, to their wise sister's house, made strong with adobe bricks. This clever and humorous tale is sure to delight children of all ages, especially those familiar with the Southwest. Dressed in cowboy duds and prepared for life in the rugged desert, these characters are more than any coyote bargained for.

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

In this retelling of The Three Little Pigs set in the American Southwest, the cherished porkers are transformed into javelinas, the hairy, swinelike creatures also known as peccaries. Their pursuer, no longer the wolf of traditional lore, becomes Coyote, that ubiquitous Southwestern trickster. In her first book for children, Lowell spices the story with elements of Native American, Mexican and Old West culture. Javelina No. 1 builds his house of tumbleweed, while his brother relies on saguaro ribs. Twice Coyote huffs and puffs and the lightweight dwellings fall, but the peccaries are saved by their resourceful sister, who has had the foresight to build her home of stout adobe bricks. This

clever and flavorful change of scene puts a diverting spin on an old favorite. Harris's lively, finely detailed illustrations, with the bristling, pink-nosed peccaries clad in cowboy outfits, amusingly contrast the villain's vigorous wiles with the title characters' cozy domesticity. Sprightly fun. Ages 3-8. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Grade 2-4? In this humorous Southwestern variant of the familiar story, three desert javelinas (hairy cousins to the ordinary pig) set off one day to seek their fortunes. The first makes his home from a pile of tumbleweeds. Soon after, Coyote arrives and effortlessly blows it away to get at the plump little creature. Shaken, the portly javelina runs to his brother's house, which is built from the sticks of a dried saguaro cactus. Coyote, as sneaky as he is quick, demolishes that shaky structure and sends two frightened javelinas running into the desert. The brothers eventually find refuge in the home of their sister. This smart little javelina has constructed her home out of sturdy adobe bricks. Unable to huff and a puff his way in, Coyote tries entering through the stove pipe on the roof. When sister javelina realizes what he is up to, she quickly lights her pot-belly stove and sends Coyote howling into the desert (an action he repeats to this day). This engaging retelling appears in both Spanish and English, and has many accurate regional details. The text is fast-paced and witty in both languages, and is accompanied by energetic, full-page illustrations done in rich earthy tones that evoke the setting as faithfully as the text. Whether read aloud or in amused solitude, this is a picture book that will be enjoyed again and again. ?Donna J. Murray, Queens Borough Public Library, NY Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

My daughter received this book when she was 3 . We live in Tucson and so do Javelinas, haha. Great story, I bought it for a gift for someone who just had twins.

If you live in the Southwest, then this is a MUST for children of all ages. It is a delightful take on The Three Little Pigs and the illustrations are priceless. Very good! It is getting harder and harder to find it in Hardcover however. We purchase this book every time we are invited to a child's birthday party or, a shower. We bought it for the first time over a decade ago and we recently sent a copy to friends in Romania. Now, they can enjoy some Southwest humor.

Always a winner, this is a book I have given to many children over the years; it's a great re-telling of "The Three Little Pigs" story from the viewpoint of people living in the Southwest (AZ or NM), and

I've received good feedback from the young recipients. I think children aged 5-7 are perhaps the ideal age to enjoy the book, but there is flexibility here.

One of my grand daughter's favorites

Found this at the library and thought my 7 year old granddaughter would love it since she is enrolled in Spanish immersion. Although not written in Spanish it is based in the south with a little Latin flavor. Both the 5 and 7 year olds love it as do I. Nicely illustrated and a cute little twist on Three Little pigs.

Great book. Wonderful depiction of the 3 little pigs with Western theme. Adorable with beautiful illustrations!

Nice follow-up to "Josefina!"

We live in a desert environment and he loved that the scenery was familiar. He was proud of learning the word "javelina" and liked the parallel to the traditional three little pigs story. Most books don't hold his interest for long, but this book has become a favorite. I also enjoy reading it and I hope that when he is older we can read the Spanish words together. I'd recommend this for a change for the adult who has to read the book over and over as well as the introduction of a different setting for kids that may have a little trouble relating to books.

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