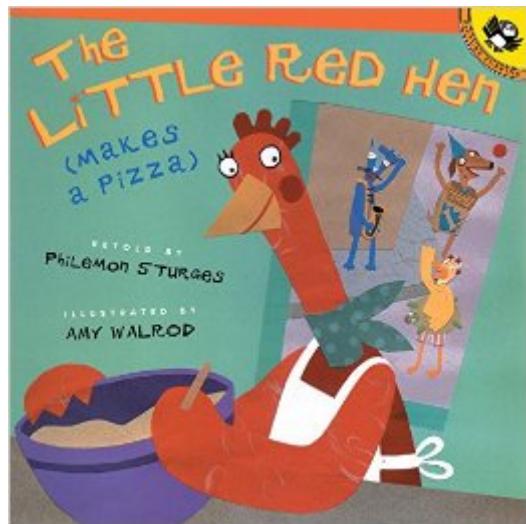


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The Little Red Hen (Makes A Pizza)



Synopsis

The story of the industrious Little Red Hen is not a new one, but when this particular hen spies a can of tomato sauce in her cupboard and decides to make a pizza, the familiar tale takes on a fresh new twist. Kids will love following along as the hen, with no help from her friends the duck, the dog, and the cat, goes through the steps of making a pizza-shopping for supplies, making the dough, and adding the toppings. But despite their initial resistance, the hen's friends come through in the end and help out in a refreshing and surprising way.

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

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Customer Reviews

I read this book to a student during some volunteer work. While I liked the way the classic story had been made more urban in order to be more associational for many readers, I was disappointed in two places. The first is a little trivial, when the Hen needs cheese, it mentions all the cheese she has, including string cheese, but no mozzarella. Unfortunately, string cheese is mozzarella. But my real problem is that the original moral of the story, that the lazy animals do not benefit from the Hen's hard work. Instead they all get some pizza and are guilt-tripped into helping clean up. While I can accept the change in scenery (and pizza instead of bread), I have a hard time accepting that the

moral has been changed.

I checked this out of the library thinking it would be an update of the classic tale. I loved the colorful illustrations and my daughter did enjoy the book. However, I had been expecting the typical story -- where those that didn't participate in helping didn't get to share the product. I was surprised that after all the rounds of "not I" the other animals did eat the pizza. I'm not sure what the moral is supposed to be, or if it is one that I want for my daughter. Sure, I would like her to be generous and share, so if she models herself after the hen, great. But I don't want her to mimic the other animals attitudes toward helping out. The others do help with the dishes at the end, but still.... you just need to be aware of the change before you bring the book home.

I received this book in the mail from a club by accident and kept it because my just-turned 3 year old and I enjoyed it so much. Children really enjoy repetitions (the cat, dog and duck constantly say "Not I." to pleas for help from the red hen. And then there are the numerous mentions about pickled eggplant which have become a joke in our house.) in this book, and it excites my daughter to "read" the next page before I do. It enforces a nice theme of helping each other and the pictures are wonderful. I intend to give it as a gift to several friends!

Yes, this is a take on a classic story with a twist. I have taught preschool for 36 years and I really do not agree with the people that posted that they did not like the lesson that was taught. I think that the fact that the Little Red Hen shared her pizza even though her friends didn't help showed them that she had compassion on them just because she was their friend. We (and her friends) weren't expecting that. In the end they helped her clean up which makes everybody happy. This shows children that we can help our friends and not expect anything in return. Sometimes we can do nice things for others just because it makes us feel good. When I read it to my preschoolers, they loved it when she shared and when the friends helped her in the end. What lesson would have been taught if she would have told them no, you don't get any and then she cleaned it all up herself? I like this version much better as an alternate to the original.

This version runs pretty much the same, nobody helps the hen make anything and she does all the work herself. However, at the end she ends up sharing the pizza anyway. It defeats the entire moral of the story. Sure, in the end they help her eat the pizza and then help clean up, but that's not the point. Some will argue that they still helped, but they put in no work before the reward, and that's

just not an attitude I want to instill in my children.

This book is a fun twist on the classic story of the Little Red Hen who bakes bread. Children enjoy this updated version and it's great for teaching them to compare and contrast. After reading, children often like to create their own Little Red Hen stories.

I read this several times a week to my son. He loves the voices that I do for the dog, duck and cat. Even the hen has her own voice. Very good plot...and love the words the author utilizes. Fun, cute book. And it's just the right length for a bedtime story. :)

I was shocked to find that the important life lesson in this classic children's tale had been distorted in this revised story. Instead of not participating in the fruits of the hen's labor, in this version the slackers who refused to help get to eat the hen's pizza anyway. Then in an apparent epiphany they do agree to clean up. Since young children enjoy hearing stories repeatedly, I purchased this book this book at the same time I ordered the classic version so my grandchildren could read two slightly different versions. After reading this revisionist version I threw it away. The classic version is the life lesson I want my grandchildren to learn and is the only version I gave them. The illustrations and physical book were fine. It is the revised message I object to and is the reason I threw the book away and do not recommend it to others.

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