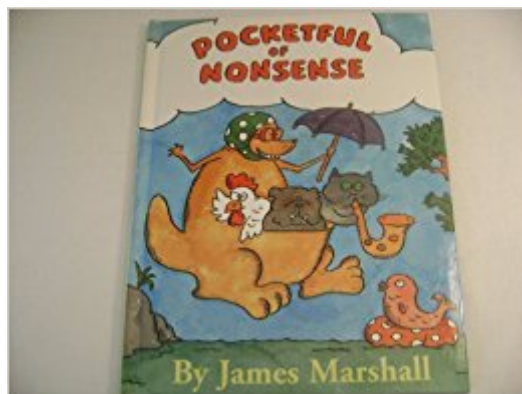


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Pocketful Of Nonsense



Synopsis

The award-winning author-illustrator of *George and Martha* presents a zany anthology of nonsense verse, combining traditional songs and rhymes with his own original poems.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Ages 4-9. First published last year as a Golden Book and now available in a format more suitable for libraries, this illustrated collection of 20 nonsense rhymes is a riot. It ranges from traditional rhymes such as "Cinderella, dressed in yella," to "There was an old man of Blackheath / who sat on his set of false teeth. / Said he with a start, / "Oh Lord, bless my heart! / I've bitten myself underneath," to four original limericks by Marshall. As funny as the rhymes are, the real treasure here, of course, is the deadpan humor of the artwork. Although this a book for reading aloud, it's even better for children to share with one another. Happily and unrepentantly unsuitable for classroom "sustained silent reading" times, this is one book of verse that few will read without laughing out loud. Carolyn Phelan

Fifteen traditional limericks and other nonsense rhymes, plus five in the same spirit by the late illustrator ("Antoinette Leach came in from the beach/with a lobster asleep in her curls..."), each visualized in fairly literal fashion, without many of the witty graphic embroideries at which Marshall was so adept. Still, the inimitable caricatures and masterful sense of design are all his; and it's good to have his takes on such perennial rib-ticklers as the gentleman waving the mouse he's just found in his stew, or the "old man of Blackheath" being bitten when he sits on his own false teeth. (Picture

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I love this book, and so do my sons (ages 5 and 13). Funny limericks (clean) and the usual amusing Marshall illustrations with comments. After reading it one afternoon, we sat around making up silly limericks together. Short book but lots of laffs.

In the 1840s Edward Lear published *A Book of Nonsense*. This book made the limerick, a form of humorous verse, popular. In 1992 James Marshall published *Pocketful of Nonsense* which features both limericks and humorous poems. Children will love reciting the twenty amusing poems/limericks from this book. Best read aloud, *Pocketful of Nonsense* is a great way to teach rhyming to children and have a few laughs at the same time. Includes funny pictures for each story. Highly recommended.

"James Marshall" -- what more do I need to say? This is such a fun book of his, and one that I like to tuck in as part of birthday presents for anyone 4-8 yrs.

My children (ages 7, 5, 4, and 2) all this book! It is full of nonsense--and all of it fun! My husband also loves this book and reads the poems with a great deal of emotion, which creates a great deal of laughter around our house. Love it.

My son (age 5) loves this book. We have to read it to him at least once a week for the past 6 months. He memorized all, but keep laughing every time! The pictures are funny too. It is my son's favorite book (it comes before the *Magic Tree House* series, which is another favorite).

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