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A dingo intent on making wombat stew receives cooking suggestions from the other animals, unaware that they are protecting their fellow creature.

## Wombat Stew Details

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## Crystal Dawn says

When I was in the book store very recently, I saw this book on the sale table and nostalgia just brimmed out of me. I showed it to my fiance and surprisingly he had never heard of the book. It's fantastic!! I NEED to go back and get it! It's just brilliant!

The story, moral, catchy rhyme and beautiful illustrations have been pieced together perfectly to create this book! It could be just rote, but the pages have all left such an impression on me I'm certain the book is forever in my head, word for word and picture for picture. (Guy Montag, I'm ready for when you want to pick me up, I've memorized my book).

I recommend it to everyone, from every country. This is just one of those childhood books I think everyone should know. A beautiful piece of Australian culture that I am definitely proud of, *Mate*.

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## Tracey says

Repetition is great for little people. When you have to read this book over and over again, not so good. I may have skipped paragraphs, pages, plot points. Who knows?

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## ✿ cassandra ✿ says

My Mum also used to read this picture book to me all the time. She would also use a funny voice. Everytime she would sing the *Wombat Stew* song at the back of the book.

We had some great memories with this book. I also read it in kindy at school and still loved it! :)

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## Brandon says

[Look, I'm going to be real with you here. The ending of this book is pure rubbish. You think it's a happy ending, right? The wombat is saved! But look kid, they poisoned that poor dingo. They POISONED him. Do you know what's going to happen to that guy? He's going to crawl around the

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## Karen says

Fun story incorporating Native Australian animals.

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## **Jasmine says**

Childhood favourite, this book means so much to me.

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## **Maxwell Rae says**

This is a really fun book to hear mummy read to me. I liked hearing all the animals with their different accents. I'm not sure who my favourite is between the French Blue Tongue Lizard and the Bogan Koala. There is also a fun song to sing along too, and even some written music in the back so mum can play it for me on her piano.

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## **Monique says**

I have read this so many times I've lost count to the kids at school. They absolutely adore it! The words, they rhyming, the pictures, all of it! Me myself, I've never read this until this year and it's an okay book for me. But considering it's for the kids who cares about my opinion! Kids love this.

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## **Adrian J. says**

It is almost animal racism.

I've never understood the tendency to position some animals as evil or mean and others as always good. Has the writer ever encountered a koala, or an emu? They're vicious; at least as much so as the dingo.

Also, why didn't it matter that the echidna eats other animals? Or the blue-tongue lizard? But the dingo? He's an evil monster!

Rather silly, really.

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## **Jacinda says**

Great Aussie children's book that should be in your child's collection. You can really play your voice in this story and even get into a bit of singing.

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## **Brandielle says**

My husband read the song with his own melody and the kids were singing it for days. A fun book. :)

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**Anna Kuhl says**

Classic.

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**Louise says**

Someone should let the dingo know that wombats aren't very tasty.

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**Christine Meunier says**

This is a bright clever tale where animals work together in a mischevious way to deter a fox from his plans for 'wombat stew'. Lovely illustrations.

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**Michelle says**

A fun read. I am confused, however, by the constant references to the dingo as a 'clever' animal. Are we as the readers privy to the dingo's self-perception? Is it a stereotype of dingos as an animal group? Or is this particular dingo normally of above average intellectual abilities? This later answer, if correct, would make the other animals ability to dupe the dingo on this occasion an interesting phenomenon.

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