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It's almost Christmastime, and Monster needs a tree. But the holidays are filled with joy and so many fun things to do! After snowballs, sleds, and Santa Claus, will he find a tree in time? In this festive, rhyming story, Monster shows young readers that with a little creativity, a tree can be perfect any way you look at it.

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Carrie Charley Brown says

The Monster & Me series continues as Monster's newest need arises. What would his house be like without a Christmas tree? Monster's adventurous spirit leads him to loads of wintry fun when he embarks on his tree hunt. Sometimes the most inventive ideas end up being the greatest. Monster explores the season's best and starts a new tradition in the process. The entire Monster & Me collection is sure to invoke reread requests from children aged 2-8, over and over again. Author Paul Czajak's rhymes encourage playful language which match perfectly with the whimsical illustrations of Wendy Grieb.

Vera Godley says

First of all, this is a totally secular, fun book. It has Santa Claus, Christmas trees, and heaps of fun. There is no mention of the origin of Christmas or the birth of the Christ child.

Now, it is a given that the imagination of children often conjures up monsters. So this is a book that treats the "monster in our lives" with a light hand and "Monster" is actually a friend of the child. They are going about their day with a lively happiness that simply leaps off the page at the reader.

I simply love the rhyming verse and it is well done. The art is colorful, bright, lively, cheerful, and engaging. Did I say I like it? I think you get the gist. I like the book, story, and pictures for what it is. Frankly, I'm not a "Santa" endorsing sort of person, but then I'm not a "Monster" endorsing sort of person, either. This is simply a cute story. The rhyme is good. The story full of action and ends very sweetly.

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Kathy Broadnax says

Very Cute.

Monster and his friend decide they need to get a Christmas tree.
They end up creating their own.

ACS Book-finder says

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Jennifer says

This one did not disappoint. Sure to please any fans of *Monster Needs a Costume*.

Tracy Morton says

This is a really cute Christmas book and it is something different. It is a rhyming books and does not have a ton of text so it should be okay for younger reads. I think that slightly older children will enjoy it too however.

Baby Bookworm says

This review was originally written for The Baby Bookworm. Visit us for new picture books reviews daily!

Hello, friends! Well, Christmas is a week away! Just like last year, we'll be counting down this week with some very merry holiday-themed books, starting tonight with *Monster Needs A Christmas Tree*, written by Paul Czajak and illustrated by Wendy Grieb, a festive addition to the splendid *Monster & Me* series.

It's Christmas Eve, and Monster and his best friend need to get a Christmas tree! After all, they'll need to

have something for Santa to put the gifts under. Strolling into town, they see a line.. to greet Santa! Monster and his boy take a detour to sit on Santa's lap and give him their wishlists. They should really head to the tree lot – oh but, look! A hill perfect for sledding! And so it goes, with the friends finding lots of wonderful holiday activities to distract them. Unfortunately, when they finally arrive at the tree lot, the last tree has been sold! Oh no! What are they going to do to show Santa they believe?

The *Monster & Me* books are always a lot of fun, with the colorful big-headed Monster greeting every situation with exuberance. So naturally, a story about getting wrapped up in the holiday season is a perfect fit. The story is pure Christmasy fun, with an unexpected resolution and a satisfying ending. The art is colorful, and while the digital illustrations occasionally look a little too clean, I loved the use of the black-and-white movie-inspired framework for fantasy sequences. The length is good, and JJ liked it, so we can definitely recommend this one to any little monster who wants to celebrate the magic of Christmas. Baby Bookworm approved!

Be sure to check out The Baby Bookworm for more reviews!

Debra Martin says

I won this fabulous book and swag from Goodreads! A wonderful Christmas book for young children. Very easy read. Great illustrations. a large hard cover book sturdy for little ones to read over and over. I loved reading the book and can't wait to surprise my grandson with it on Christmas. I know he will love it! Thank you :)

Jillian says

The story is adorable (much more "Decemberween" than *Christmas*) and the illustrations are fantastic, as always. I really liked that the emphasis was about having fun doing winter activities instead of worrying "will I get that X I reeeeeeally want??" and trying to make sure that everything is absolutely perfect. The improvised tree was a great idea.

Sandy says

I like Monster. He has a great time in his adventures even though he is a monster and no one around him notices that he's big, green and sticks out from everyone else. In this book, Monster and his friend are going to go out looking for a Christmas tree but on the way, they get sidetracked. They begin to do other seasonal things before finally making their way to the store where the trees are sold. The two of them visit Santa, they make snow creatures, have a snowball fight and a few other adventures before they head down to the store to purchase their tree. Their day was a success until they get to the store where they are both disappointed at what occurs there. They head home disappointed and the picture relays to the reader, the sadness that has overcome them. The book does not end is a sad note though, Monster comes through and the duo are happy once again. The illustrations are large and colorful and they are printed on glossy paper. I like the style of font they have chosen for this book, I feel it flows off the page.

Shelli says

Super fun, brilliantly illustrated read to share with children around the holidays. After many digressions Monster's hopes of finding the perfect Christmas tree are dashed. With a bit of creativity and a lot of household vegetation, a backup plan is made to make this Christmas a memorable one.

Andrea says

My son loved this book! I won it in a giveaway and read it to him before Christmas this year. It was a huge hit, we read it several more times! We also received advance copies of *Monster Needs a Party* and *Seaver the Weaver*. I am excited to see the completed illustrations for these! The stories were amazing and again my son really enjoyed me reading them at bedtime! Thank you Paul for sharing your imagination with our family!

Beckie says

This was a cute one. Monster gets distracted doing holiday things and by the time he heads to get a tree, they're all sold out. Monster and his boy must now try and make his own tree in time for Christmas.

DeA says

I read this today during storytime and all the children loved it. They were excited for all the activities of Christmas and a snowy day but sad at the end when time had run out for Monster. A great book for any collection.

Alexandria says

What happens when, in the midst of all your holiday fun, you forget the tree? Monster and his friend figure out how to save their tree-less holiday and solve their problems creatively, after having a great day of holiday fun together.
