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One minute, the narrator of this cleverly rhyming romp is quietly reading. The next minute, pigs descend upon his house in every imaginable getup, by every available means, from every possible place--even "Pigs from France" and "Pigs just in their underpants." What results is lovable porcine mayhem and a pizza pig-out!

* "A must for all picture-book collection."--*School Library Journal*, starred review

* "McPhail presents a magnificent group of porkers, whose capacity for costumes and capers is truly wondrous . . . Kids will find this a very good book indeed."--*Booklist*, starred review

* "This is McPhail at his whimsical best."--*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

A *Booklist* Children's Editors' Choice

Pigs Aplenty, Pigs Galore! Details

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Lauren says

Can sing to Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.

Julia Woodard says

Pigs Aplenty, Pigs Galore! by David McPhail is a fictional story intended for children between Kindergarten and Second Grade. The story is about a man who is in his house reading a book, when his house is suddenly invaded by pigs. More and more pigs keep coming to the house and won't leave.

I really like the book because the rhymes are silly and the illustrations effectively animate the characters and the plot. The man becomes frustrated and demands that the pigs leave his house. The pigs protested, so the man said they could only stay with him if they helped clean up. The man and the pigs cleaned the house and went to bed.

This book would be fun for teachers to read aloud. The book would best be used for teaching phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, and comprehension. For phonemic awareness, teachers can have the students listen and pick out the rhyming words. For phonics, the teacher can have the students identify words that contain double letters such as yell and piggy. The teacher can also have the students identify words such as reading and feeding. For fluency, the teacher can model how to read with expression to show the difference between characters. For comprehension, the teacher can have the students retell the story orally in their own words.

Colin says

This is a fiction book in the poetry genre. In the story our narrator is reading a book, when all of a sudden pigs start showing up at his house, first in small groups then in big groups and they just make a mess of things. The pigs arrive in various ways and really goofy outfits. While looking at the pictures it is hard not to laugh. My big thing about this book is that it has lots of rhyming words, and it would be really fun to read aloud. You could read it at many tone levels and have a fun time with it.

R.K. Cowles says

3 1/4 stars

Beth Aucoin says

In groups of twos, threes, fours, etc a bunch of pigs wreak havoc on a poor, unsuspecting man in his house.

They tip over furniture, they wear costumes, they eat his food with attitude, and it just won't stop. When the man finally gathers his whits about him and puts them in their place, they feel horrible, apologize, and clean his entire house. After a nice bath, they all lay down to go to sleep.

This was, and is, one of my all time favorite children's books. I had my mother read it to me before bed so many times that it is now falling apart. We taped it and re-taped it over and over again. I still love reading it! Not only is it weird and funny, but the ending is cute, too. I would suggest getting this book for any child you're trying to get to love reading. I'll be buying it for my little one for sure.

Staci says

What fun to re-read all of these picture books that my kids loved when little!

This is a very silly book (there are several times that underpants are involved, so it may not work for everybody)

But, my kids giggled at this one every time-- enough so that it is yet another book that we own multiple copies of it.

AND when I was just re-reading it, my now 12 year old walked passed me on the couch and exclaimed, 'OOOHHH! I LOVED that book!'

Elliot says

This book is utter insanity. From a man starting off his evening reading a book, and ending with pigs everywhere, it is no doubt that this book will encourage many smiles and laughs. The illustrations pack much detail, which is great for children. This book is a childhood favorite and I recommend reading it.

Tatiana says

Taking a quick, unscientific inventory of my favorite childhood books, I definitely favored realistic fiction and folk tales. Not pigs with attitude and no manners. And yet, *Pigs Aplenty, Pigs Galore* is a classic in my memory. Perhaps it was the adorable illustrations or the lyric rhyme that carries the story from beginning to end. Whatever the reason, I know I made my mom read it to me countless times.

Reading it now myself, I can't help but analyze it with the eyes of a teacher-in-training, turning it inside out for possible focus skills and literary elements. But in the end, the charm of the book outreaches all technical evaluation. It's one of those books that I will someday have in my classroom library, just because it makes kids laugh and fills me with both nostalgia and legacy; that a book that was read to me, that I read to my siblings, will also be read by students of mine.

Elaina Wald says

"Pigs Aplenty, Pigs Galore" is a wonderful and fun book for young students. The illustrations are intricate and visually exciting. The story of pigs taking over a house is a silly tale made sillier and more intriguing by the rhyming of the story. I would use this book to teach about rhyme. It is also conducive to good art projects.

Diana Thomsen says

Oh, what utter silliness! I've had this one recommended for a long time but hadn't gotten around to reading it. It just came across my desk again and I finally took the time. Turns out that I really don't care for the illustrations, but I see why it's a good book for storytime. Little ones would appreciate the silliness and, well, there's a reference to UNDERPANTS, so you know there will be laughter! lol

Melki says

A man's home is inexplicably invaded by pigs. This might be a fun read-aloud, though I enjoyed the artwork more than the story.

Nashay says

This is a story of a man who has an extraordinary day when a bunch of pigs show up. Using lots of rhyming and repetition the pigs make an enormous mess and the man wants the pigs to leave. In the end of the story the man ends up enjoying the pigs, and they help him clean up the mess. This is a fun book to teach phonemic awareness and phonics. Students can listen to the individual words or word parts and hear similar words that have the same onset or rime. I would use this book in early elementary grades.

Christine says

Pigs aplenty, pigs galore, PIGS A BORE! I complete snooze-fest. Really, what is the point of this book? Every page attempts to be humorous, but fails miserably. Each page consists of just pigs and bedlam. On my first attempt reading this, I could not even get through it because the story just didn't seem to be going anywhere. On my second attempt, I had to finally force myself to finish this book because I had already spent too much time and effort on this book as it was. The ending was essentially the same as every other page, pigs and chaos.

There's nothing to teach your kids, and there's definitely no closure. Maybe I just didn't get it. The story is about a man that lives with a ton of pigs and how the pigs make one mess after another. He's the parent and they are his "kids" making the mess. At the end he still "loves" them...? Usually if the story is lacking, at least the illustration is the savior, but not in this case. Don't bother.

Jackie "the Librarian" says

Pigs invade, order pizza, dress in crazy costumes (one pig is dressed like Elvis) and make a huge mess. What could be funnier? And, it RHYMES!

Maggie says

I was unsure about this book when I first saw it; but my youngest niece and nephew have me read all the time. Fun book.
