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Join the Jolly Postman with his mailbag of delightful deliveries for Dorothy from Oz, Alice from Wonderland, and other favorite storybook characters.

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Sarah says

It's hard to judge this properly because most of the letters are missing in my version. Still, the concept is cute. A postman has deliveries for various characters in classic children's stories. We get to read the correspondence and it's always fun to open a letter! The problem with this one is that the story goes on too long and is too complicated.

Lisbeth Solberg says

Not strictly fairy tales, not strictly pop-up, but definitely a sort of book/toy hybrid, this one includes a plastic magnifying glass. I don't love it as much as the first Jolly Postman book, but it's pretty darned cute, and I think the glass would appeal to little ones a lot.

Fiona Hill says

Children would find this book very funny because everything seems to go wrong for The Jolly Postman. The book also contains wonderful and beautifully illustrated resources, rich vocabulary and the whole story rhymes which I really enjoyed.

Lorna says

I like this book too but not as much as the jolly postman. I find the rhyming a little awkward in some places but it's still a good story with links to other tales. This is more suitable for older children than the first book!

Westcoast_girl says

My friend used to have this book and whenever I would go over to her house I would read it. I loved to pull out the little books, the letters, the envelopes, everything! My favourite was the one that looked exactly like the old fashioned envelopes I saw at the museum. I don't recall ever reading the book until much later. The story isn't nearly as good as all the pull outs. But it is a brilliant story.

I especially recommend it to today's children who might not have as much knowledge and experience about the post service and old fashioned books like Alice in Wonderland. I hope it encourages people to continue to send mail!

Shanaz Begum says

I love this book!

I cannot believe I have not read this before! It's a brilliant idea to follow the Jolly Postman on his rounds. The authors have cleverly interwoven the stories of Jack & The Beanstalk, Alice in Wonderland and The Wizard of Oz. I love the little extras throughout the book. There are "pockets" designed like envelopes, which contain letters, a telegram, a "coded" message, a postcard and a miniature book. I love books which include extras and letters to read.

This book is a great read for children, and the extras engage them totally. It's a game as much as it is a book. Most of sentences in the book rhyme, which is a bonus. This book can be read to Early Years and Key Stage 1. This book can also be used for letter writing and poetry.

Sarah says

A really good book for packing in your child's holiday 'things to do ' bag. It is compact but has the activity value of opening the letters and it is a book children and parents will happily read again and again.

Tesa says

The Jolly Pocket Postman is a children's book about a mail carrier. It has a bunch of pockets in it with removable letters that further the story.

When I was little, this used to be my favorite book and I would make my mom read it to me almost every night. I used to pull the letters out from the pockets and try to sound them out while my mom read the actual story. Eventually I memorized how the story-line went and I would recite the story and pretend that I could read it. I must have made my mom read it to me a thousand times or more.

Donna says

The Jolly Pocket Postman shrinks in size while visiting Alice in Wonderland and meets Dorothy and her friends on their way to Oz.

Good thing: the built in letters, and even letters-within-letters, along with the tiny lens to view them, adds a fresh touch to the story.

Bad things: Some of the rhymes were a bit rough.

A fun book! I've enjoyed all three I've read in this series.

Samantha Maclean says

Another brilliant book from Janet and Allan Ahlberg - The Jolly Pocket Postman. This book focuses on a postman that is out delivering letters to some well known characters from other books such as Alice in Wonderland, Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz and Jack and the Beanstalk. Whilst the story itself is enjoyable, the best aspect of this book is that there are envelopes throughout the book that contain extra parts of the story, such as letters, postcards, a telegram, and a magnifying glass to read the small print.

This book would be best suited to KS1 and lower KS2 children, although if read as a class book it could be used in EYFS classes as the book is very well illustrated. This book could be used in literacy when teaching children about poetry or rhyming as the whole story uses rhyming words. An activity using this story could be to incorporate their favourite character from another book and suggest what the postman could deliver to them. Due to the fact that there are lots of additional parts to the book which may get lost, it may be better suited to a class reading activity, although it could be read by the children to the class as opposed to the teacher reading.

I speak from experience when I say this book is a very enjoyable read as a child, with the pocket extras being an exciting bonus.

Olivia says

The story of The Jolly Pocket Postman is a sweet book about a postman and the various antics that he gets up to. The book is written in poetic verse the whole way through. For example, 'Cooked his breakfast, fed the dog, Read the paper, kissed the frog,'

The book is humorous and will most certainly make the reader giggle.

Each page has a different little poem continuing the story.

The Jolly Pocket Postman incorporates other stories, like Alice and Wonderland and Little red riding hood, The Wizard of Oz, The gingerbread man and Rapunzel.

The book is interactive with envelope pockets with little bits of the story continued in them. In addition, the book has very engaging and well drawn illustrations. A fun read for all children in Key Stage 1.

Ashlyn Barker says

I think children would love this book! I personally feel that the story is confusing to follow but I bet children will fill in any gaps with their own creative imagination. I love that the book has little letters and cards to read on some of the pages - those were my favorite part!

Sarah Coles says

I have heard so many lovely reviews about this story book, and I can understand why! Below are some of the main reasons as to why I rate this book so highly.

- It is jam packed with lots of sweet illustrations and little extras which I am sure would children love to explore independently.
- The format has some lovely introductory rhyming couplets which could be discussed as a whole class.
- There is reference throughout to traditional tales which could be explored at the teacher's discretion. There are nursery rhymes which match to some of these tales which could be sung in addition to a story time. (e.g. 'Little Miss Moffat' and 'Mary, Mary, quite contrary')
- There is plenty of rich, extension vocabulary such as 'flabbergasted' and 'astonished'.

Overall, a lovely, rich story which ought to be enjoyed by all school children. Whilst it is true that even the youngest of readers should be exposed to rich vocabulary, I personally would avoid reading it with readers younger than five, simply owing to its length.

Alessandra says

I have a soft spot for books like this, with each page doubling as an envelope holding a letter, postcard, or miniature book which provide clues as to what's going on. There's a charming little story about a postman delivering mail to various fairytale people, incorporating Jack and the Beanstalk, Alice in Wonderland, and the Wizard of Oz. The last pocket contains a sort of alternate history of the story, a miniature booklet of what else would have happened if, a fun meta-level finish including its own miniature pocket with even tinier mail inside.

My children adored this book, and by some miracle we never lost any of the many separate pieces of mail, although the little plastic magnifying glass supplied is long since vanished into the recesses of the house. It is great fun, but you have to be careful to keep an eye on those pieces.

Taylor Owens says

I remember this book from when I was a child. My siblings and I would frequently beg my dad to read it to us as a bed time story. After revisiting this book as an adult, I can see how great this book is for students to learn about how to write letters. Overall fun story that kids love!

Julia Wickenden says

Because I loved the other two Jolly Postman books so much, I felt that I should read the final book in the set. 'The Jolly Pocket Postman' was my least favourite of the books, perhaps because the 'pocket' nature of The Jolly Postman deprived the reader of the fantastic juxtaposition of the everyday and the fictional that is found in the other two books. Nonetheless the kinaesthetic learner would be intrigued by this book, and the characters encountered as well as the illustrations are charming. This is still an excellent book, but for me it

does not quite meet up to the extraordinary standards of the previous two.

The basic idea of 'The Jolly Pocket Postman' is that the reader follows The Jolly Postman on his rounds. Along the way he encounters many well-loved characters and delivers letters to them. These letters are enclosed in envelopes within the book and can be taken out and read.

'The Jolly Pocket Postman' would be well-suited to a classroom in some ways. It would be suitable for Early Years, however it is unlikely that they would be able to read it all. The reading level is more accessible for Key Stage 1 and lower Key Stage 2. It could be in the book corner where children could either read it or just enjoy the pictures and hands-on nature of it. The danger of this would be that pieces could easily go missing or get damaged. It may therefore be more suitable as a whole class story, encouraging individual children to take it in turn to take the letters out of the envelopes as the story progresses.

Lisa says

My grandparents had this book and it was the highlight of our visits to read it with them. All of the grandkids thought it was the absolute coolest book ever! I'm going to have to find it for my kids.

Cassandra says

One of my all-time favourite picture books. My brother and I both loved this when we were little, especially all of the little mini-books and postcards and stuff inside it that enhance the story wonderfully.

Max says

I liked reading this with the kids. The letters make it exciting. But I liked the first one better.

Meg McGregor says

A very cute book, incorporating many different stories, in it.

Included are characters from The Wizard of Oz, Alice in Wonderland, and the Gingerbread Man.

My edition was missing the letters too but I still enjoyed it.

The story might not make sense to children who don't know the characters from the others stories though.
