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There's a whole lot of shaking going on -- and a funny final twist -- as a series of hungry animals seek shelter in an obliging tree.

Mouse spots a nut high up in a tree. "Mmm," she says. "I'm going to gobble that up!" So she shakes the tree a little to the right, and she shakes the tree a little to the left. But it isn't the nut that falls from the tree, it's Fox, who thinks that *Mouse* looks pretty tasty! Soon a warthog and then a bear come along with similar ideas. Little readers will enjoy the just-made-it escapes (and be happy to get in on the shaking action), only to laugh out loud when their expectations are foiled at the end.

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McKenzie Richardson says

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A wonderful book with a simple yet entertaining story. The book's interesting format, use of repetition, and adorable illustrations make it perfect for reading aloud to young children. I especially loved the participation element of shaking the tree with the various animals.

A very fun book.

Tasha says

This bright and active picture book is just right for sharing aloud. When Mouse discovers a nut high in a tree, she tries shaking the tree to get it to fall down to her. She shakes it a little to the left and right, but the nut doesn't budge. A fox though falls down out of the tree and wants to eat the Mouse who scampers up into the tree's branches. So the Fox shakes the tree, but the Mouse and the nut do not fall down, instead a Warthog comes down and Fox runs up the tree to escape. When Bear falls down next, he really shakes the tree a lot. All of the animals fall down to the ground along with the nut. What will Bear do now?

Shared aloud, the reader will be shaking the tree and the book back and forth. This book could so easily help with concepts of right and left, particularly if you made the story time interactive and the children helped "shake" the tree too. The book also has a clever way to incorporate counting with each animal adding a shake each time they try. It counts up without actually counting, making it a book that has a natural rhythm and appeal. The illustrations add to this with their bright colors and the large animals tumbling from the tree. Funny and a great read-aloud add this one to your next story time on trees or counting. Appropriate for ages 2-4.

Becky says

First sentence: Mouse spots a nut. "Mmm," she says. "I'm going to gobble that up!" So she shakes the tree a little to the right...shake...and a little to the left. Shake, shake. Uh-oh.

Premise/plot: Shake the Tree is an interactive picture book originally published in Italy in 2015. The 'bells and whistles' of this one are provided by the imagination of the readers--parent and child. In this one, a mouse sets out to shake a delicious nut out of the tree. That isn't exactly what happens when she starts shaking the tree.

My thoughts: I liked this one. I can't say that I loved it as much as Silvia Borando's The Cat Book or The Dog Book by Lorenzo Clerici--both books in this same "Minibombo" series. But it's worth checking out of the library and sharing with your little ones. They may love it and want it again, again!

Text: 3 out of 5
Illustrations: 3 out of 5
Total: 6 out of 10

Katie says

Cute. Wouldn't work with my toddlers, because they'd all be fighting over grabbing the book, but would otherwise work for baby (bounce), toddler, or preschool.

Angelika says

Used for toddlers 10/26/18. Mouse sees a nut and shakes the tree, out fall a fox, a warthog and a bear. Unusual layout - you have to hold the book sideways, great pictures, great story with fun ending. Every animal shakes the tree to right and then to left. I didn't use shakers with the toddlers, but they might work with a small crowd of preschoolers.

Kristen says

Find yourself a child to read this with ASAP!

Emily Duchon says

this is perfect for babies and toddlers.

a bit of a classic story about a string of animals following one another up into a tree (each one higher up on the food chain than the last) at it's heart, but the real magic here lies in moving the book around vertically, shaking it, and exploring the tactile wonder that is "the book" and "the page."

perfect for toddlers as it involves short amounts of writing, lots of action and fun, and most perfectly-vibrant colors and illustrations of some of the world's most famous animals getting themselves into a bit of a pickle. how fun is that?

Kelsey says

[After shaking all the creatures down and all the leaves, Bear is delighted to have the delicious nut. (hide spoiler)]

Melki says

This was SO CUTE!

Mouse is in for a very big surprise when he shakes a tree to make a nut fall.

Fantastic, colorful illustrations, and a great surprise at the end.

I LOVED this one!

Raina says

Fun, funny and full of actions for little ones. Great book.

Alicia Evans says

This book was so entertaining! The change in layout is an interesting twist that will keep young readers amused and the book just begs for audience participation. I'd definitely see readers enjoying it over and over again.

For: readers wanting a silly story where readers can shake and jump around.

Possible red flags: characters in peril.

Katie says

Funny. It all starts with a mouse who tries to shake a nut out of a tree. Instead, a fox falls to the ground. A fox who wants to eat the mouse. The mouse runs up the tree, and this time Fox shakes the tree. No mouse, but a warthog falls and wants to eat the Fox. This time Fox runs up the tree. The pattern continues till all the animals, and the nut, fall from the tree.

Kinda cute how the animals were already up in the tree, and return to it to hide from other animals that were also originally in the tree with them. Also a little confusing. But I think kids will enjoy the humor, and how the book is held vertically rather than horizontally for most of the story. You could recreate this as a flannel board and it would still be super cute.

Jennifer says

I love everything about this book - the illustrations, the format (half the book is vertical rather than horizontal pages and it just works!), the story, the ending. Highly recommended! I'm using it for preschool storytime and having my kiddos shake their shaker eggs to the left and to the right as the animals shake the tree.

Mary Librarian says

This is a fun interactive story. A nut sits high up in the tree and mouse wants to eat it. With the reader's help mouse shakes that tree but what drops out is a surprise.

The book is read vertically for most of the pages. Lots of repetition makes this one a good candidate for reading aloud and for kids learning to read.

Debbie Smith says

When a hungry mouse sees a nut in the tree she shakes the tree hoping to cause that tasty morsel to fall.

The book opens vertically to show the little mouse looking up at nut in a very tall tree. She shakes the tree a little to the right and a little to the left. Oops! It's not a nut that falls but a hungry fox who is ready to gobble her up. The frightened mouse scurries up the tree to escape the fox.

And thus begins the story. Each time an animal falls it is a little larger than the animal shaking the tree.

The book's design encourages the child to shake and turn the book since the layout shifts occasionally from vertical to horizontal.

My Concerns: Nothing

What I Liked Most: This is the perfect book for toddlers. About the time adults (and children) might be getting a little tired of the repetition, it comes to a very cute close.

Full Review: <https://debbieshakespearesmith.blogspot...>
