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Here is the cat, the dog and the mouse, and the old lady in the tumbledown house.

She has a spell to make them all well...
but she just can't find it! WHOOPS!

A hilariously chaotic story, full of funny animal noises, illustrated by Russell Ayto, winner of the Roald Dahl Funny Prize and the Smarties Children's Book Prize.

Whoops! Details

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Vernon Area Public Library KIDS says

The cat can't meow. The dog can't bark, and the mouse can't squeak. Luckily, the wise owl suggests they visit the old lady in the tumbledown house. With a mystery, a healthy dose of humor, and simple illustrations, this will make a perfect read-aloud for Kindergartners--especially as a guest reader.

Reviewed by: Miss Kelsey, Youth Services, Vernon Area Public Library

Kris Dersch says

Adorable and giggle-worthy.

Kim says

Great read aloud!

Beth says

Rhyming, sounds, animals, humor. What more could you want? A great story time choice.

Chelsea says

I appreciated how interactive this book can be! I cannot wait to try this book at a read aloud session or a program within the library. A book like this keeps the children entertained, engaged, guessing and laughing. What more could a person ask for?! I also appreciated how the use of illustrations, language and word placement was appropriate for the audience. This would be a wonderful book for adults to read to children as well as for the readers who are just learning to read. Bravo!

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Robin says

Funny with great rhythm. Perfect for story time in witchcraft-friendly places. Highly recommended for ages 3-6.

Ed says

With the exception of Dr. Seuss, I generally hate any picture book with rhyming text, especially if it is repetitive. This book is a notable exception. It is a very funny story, with simple, but clever rhymes. I only wish it was around when my kids were younger, as it would be a great read aloud book for young children.

Shanessa (Children Books) says

One of my favorites! A rhyming and charmingly illustrated tale of a spell gone wrong. Appropriate for all ages as there is nothing scary about the old witch who just can't seem to help a dog, cat and mouse find their voices. No matter how many times we read it, my four year old still laughs at the ending. Highly recommend!

Hannah Greendale says

A cat, a dog, and a mouse walk into a house . . . No, this isn't the start of a corny joke, it's the premise of *Whoops!*, a quirky children's book in which three voiceless animals travel to a witch's house in search of a magic spell to make them well.

Though the illustrations are minimalist, they are complimented by the use of bold background colors -- brilliant fuchsia, radiant orange, intense turquoise.

The story rhymes, and the rich use of language is lyrical:

*She went to look
at her big spell book.*

*She cast a spell,
and the whole house shook.*

*There was a sparkle
and a crackle
and a thundering sound.*

*There was a FLASH!
and a CRASH!
and a rumbling sound.*

Whoops! is a delight. Entertaining for the eyes, pleasant to the ears, and silly to the final page.

Prince William Public Library System says

“The cat can’t meow, the dog can’t woof, and the mouse can’t even squeak! What are they to do?” So leads off the inside jacket of Suzi Moore’s hilarious picture book, “Whoops!” Within the book we find three animal friends: a cat, a dog, and a mouse, who can’t figure out how to find their voices and make their own unique sounds. Fortunately Owl, who is very wise, tells them to “Find the old lady in the tumbledown house. She’ll have a spell to make you all well.” So off the three friends go through a dark scary wood to a tumbledown house where the witch seemingly has the answer to their dilemma, if only she could get the spell correct. Chaos ensues throughout each conglomeration of spells where the cat says “bark” and the dog says “meow” or sometimes sounds from different animals entirely (from “Baaa!” to “Neigh” to “Moo! Moo! Moo!”) Children will delight in matching the correct sound to the animal that makes it and be eager to read to the end to find out if the witch ever conjures the right spell.

The illustrations start off minimal until the animals arrive at the witch’s house and then the various spells are brought to life with bursts of color and personality from illustrator, Russell Ayto. While “Whoops” is a rhyming book the verses and meter seem a bit forced at times. The story has an inherent rhythm to it which can lend itself to fast or slow read depending on the reading abilities of the child. Parents will love this as a bed-time read aloud for kids and I would also recommend it to librarians for use in a family storytime. You can even add in the motions for the repeated spells as well to get a storytime crowd moving (“And the wind blew in, and the rain came down, and the tumbledown house turned around and around”). I would also recommend it for preschool aged children since 5 spells in all make for a very long book. Librarians or parents can also trim the number of spells read if they find their audience becoming antsy. Children may enjoy it so much that you can anticipate hearing “Again!” after each reading ends.

For more great picture book read-alouds with the wrong animal sounds, look to “Bark, George!” by Jules Feiffer, “Meow Said the Cow” by Emma Dodd, and “Rooster Can’t Cock-A-Doodle Doo!” by Karen Rostoker-Gruber. For another humorous, repetitive story check out “I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly” by Alan Mills.

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-Rosanne NJ

[Click here to find the book at the Prince William County Public Library System.](#)

Justin Bloch says

Oh man, this book is so good. The art is fantastic, and the story is so fun. We loved it!

Anna Fillmore says

Super fun read aloud, rollicking language with great rhythm, funny. Illustrations are just so-so.

Brittany says

It had me until the end because... what?

The illustrations are quirky and just work in a way that makes sense once you see them. Not good for storytime. Fun little rhymes ensue when a witch tries to help a dog, a cat, and a mouse speak their correct sounds and she finally succeeds but turns herself into a frog in the process. Like I said... what?

Whoops.

Asl? Can says

Eyvah Eyvah olarak çevrilmi?, komik bir hikayesi var, okurken güldüm :)

ColoradoBUCK Buck says

animal noises, confusion over who says what sound. magical spells involved.
