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An original take on some favorite nursery rhymes - this is one search for a new house that's bound to be more pleasure than trouble.

*There was an old woman
who lived in a shoe.
She had so many children,
she didn't know what to do.
She gave them some broth
without any bread,
Then took them to live
in a new home instead.*

Too messy, too woolly, too noisy, too small. Whether it's Humpty Dumpty's wall or Mother Hubbard's cupboard, the old woman (who once lived in a shoe) and her children (who once lived there, too) just can't seem to find a new home big enough for their growing needs. So where will they turn for a cozy night's rest? The perfect place is only a step away -- no moving van required!

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Kristin Traina says

I really like this book because it includes so many nursery rhymes as the women in the shoe tries to find a new location for her large family. In the end she goes right back to where she started in the shoe. I think this would work really well for an introduction on environment, and how important it is. Many creatures can only survive or thrive in one type of environment, the others just don't fit, just like the family in the shoe.

Grade: 3rd- habitats

Beckie Coldiron says

Alison Jackson was quite clever with how she combined numerous nursery rhymes into one book! As a child, I loved nursery rhymes, so this book would be ideal for me! I think this book is a great model for implementing several texts into one text, which is something I'd want my students and I to model as a class. I also loved the rhyming that took place through-out the text as well as the different types of writing styles. Also, I can even see myself implementing a math lesson by using measurement to measure the different sizes of feet in the class. Ultimately, the ideas are endless when it comes to "If the Shoe Fits!".

Kristy Schwertfeger says

I think this was such a cute book! It was about a family that lived in a shoe, and decided they wanted a new house. So they go through different nursery rhymes and visit those houses. They soon realize that none of those houses work, and their house is just right for them. I liked it because it went through all the nursery rhymes, and children will love that they can recognize those stories. I also like it because it shows different homes and that everybody lives in different places. So students can feel comfortable talking about their home, even though it might be different from someone else.

Reade says

This is a book about a woman who had many children and lived in a shoe. One day she thought the shoe was too small for her family to live in so she picked up and moved. The book takes us through the families adventure to different places. As the family goes from place to place she realizes they cannot live any other place and they end back in the shoe. In the end if the shoe fits, then why leave?

3 book topic ideas

- 1.) This book has a lot of rhymes so this is a good book to work on students rhymes and identify them as well as making their own story with rhymes in it.
 - 2.) This book can be used to talk about students families and where they live or just more about them in general.
 - 3.) The students can also work on counting the people or animals on each of the different pages.
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Catherine says

This rhyming book based upon traditional Mother Goose rhymes must have been a lot of work to write. I don't think it will appeal to the young nursery rhyme crowd, as most of them won't have the background knowledge to really "get it." I want to like this book more than I do.

Wendy Weaver says

Love how author Allison Jackson and Karla Firehammer twist this story to play in many nursery rhymes. The moral of this story is nicely stated. It showed readers it is important to be content and thankful for what you have. Sometimes when you want more it doesn't work out quite how you want it to. Great read!

Grade level: k-5

Genre: Traditional Fantasy

Molly Robbins says

I really think that the children would love having this book read to them. This book would be most efficient for working on rhyming words, there is rhyming throughout the whole story. But if you wanted to extend the lesson, you could also work on sequencing. This would be perfect for sequencing because at the beginning of the story, the mother and children move out of the shoe looking for a new home, and they move in search of different places, and by the end of the story, they end back up in the shoe.

Codie Gates says

What a great book! A mother lives with her children in a large shoe. But when things get crowded, they go on an adventure to find a new place to live. The places they go correlate with nursery rhymes from my childhood. And the family ends up back in their shoe. Very clever book.

This book can be used after talking about nursery rhymes in Kindergarten or First Grade. I would use it after the unit so that students will be able to see how the different nursery rhymes have been woven together.

Kristen Thompson says

This book is about a boy, Rigo, who is from Mexico and has 3 brothers, 1 sister, and 2 parents. It shows how a typical family from this heritage interacts and what it looks like. He talks about what it is like to live with so many people and have 4 siblings. He is kind of sad because he always gets hand-me-downs from his older siblings. Although, for this birthday he gets new loafers! He is very excited about them until a boy makes fun of them and, as a result, Rigo decides to stop wearing them. Later in the story, Rigo pulls his loafers back out to try them on and realizes that they don't fit anymore! He is sad but decides to give them to his Uncle to wear because he wears old clothes and old shoes and knows he would like them. This book also incorporates

some Spanish words and lingo.

Angela Hutchinson says

This takes several nursery rhymes and combines them into a story. Some of the nursery rhymes this book refers to include: The Little Old Lady Who Lived in a Shoe, Hickory-Dickory Doc, Little Miss Muffet, Old Mother Hubbard and more. This book carries the rhymes throughout the book. I like this book because it give a twist to the old-fashioned nursery rhymes, but still contains the rhyming theme. Students that have some common knowledge about nursery rhymes would enjoy trying to match the rhymes to their original nursery rhyme.

Alexa Maring says

What a witty and clever combination of nursery rhymes! This would be a fantastic book to use at the end of a nursery rhyme unit. Young children through 2nd grade would really enjoy this book, although the older children and adults may get a kick out of remembering the nursery rhymes. The illustrations in "If the Show Fits" are spectacular. I love the watercolor like, smooth feel that the illustrations give off even in the hectic search for a place to live. Since the mother gets lost in other nursery rhymes a neat activity to do once students have mastered some of the nursery rhymes is to have them create a short story about someone in search of a shoe and their adventure getting mixed up in the nursery rhymes.

Wendy says

This is such a fun book. The old lady and her children need more space, so they move through different fairy tails to try to find some, but it is all already taken. I would definitely use this story for sequencing or point of view. It would be fun for the students to write parts of this story from another point of view. They could write like they were one of the children (and maybe he doesn't like moving). They could also write from the perspective of some of the other fairy tail characters who have their space invaded.

Kindee Porter says

This book takes several nursery rhymes and combines them into a story. This book has rhymes throughout the book. I like this book because it give a twist to the old-fashioned nursery rhymes, but still contains the rhyming theme.

This would be a great book for students that have some common knowledge about nursery rhymes and it has the student work on there rhyming skills and recognizing the words that do rhyme in the book.

Evelyn says

If the Shoe Fits by Alison Jackson is a book about a mother and her children who lives in a shoe and believes that they need a new home. This book follows the mother and children's search for a new home in many different objects. This book can be used to teach K-1 students about sequencing. Students can make a map of all the places the mother and her children went through to find the perfect home.

Kathryn Hogan says

Cute story. I like how the book incorporates many different nursery rhymes in it. This offers lots of variation to the children as well as them learning more than one thing from the book. It would be a great book for new readers because they might be able to relate from memory the nursery rhymes. I also like how it gives a new twist to some of the nursery rhymes. I just hope that it wouldn't be confusing to the children.
