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A funny, finger-wagging rhyme with some very good advice: never tease a weasel, because teasing isn't nice! Rather, kids should do *nice* things for animals, such as bake a drake a cake, or give a mule a pool, and much more. Long out of print, this new edition of *Never Tease a Weasel* with art by the great *New Yorker* cartoonist George Booth will surely please a weasel, and everyone else who reads it!

Never Tease a Weasel Details

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Jenny says

My mom used to read this to my siblings and me when we were young. Every thing she got to the line "never tease a weasel" she'd poke us. For nostalgia reasons I bought her the newer edition of this book but the one we were read probably came out in the 70s or 80s.

Shannon (Giraffe Days) says

I kept seeing this book in the window of my local secondhand bookshop, and the title kept catching my eye so of course I had to go in and check it out - and it is just as engaging as I had hoped. I am sorry I didn't have a chance to scan some of the pages to show you George Booth's quirky and captivating, Quentin-Blake-esque illustrations, for they really connect with the text in a way that makes the original (with illustrator Denman Hampson) seem a bit hum-drum.

This is one of those rhyming stories that has no plot, just a series of scenarios that are quite ludicrous but, in the context of the book, okay to do - just as long as you never tease a weasel!

*You could make a riding habit
For a rabbit if you choose;
Or make a turkey perky
With a pair of high-heeled shoes.*

Essentially the book differentiates between things that are harmless fun, or just plain silly, and things that are mean - like teasing a weasel. In the end, it's better to make friends with the weasel (and watch telly with him, as in the picture). It's not that the book gives a good *reason* for not teasing people, but it stresses that no one likes being teased (i.e. picked on, which is just shy of bullying) and that it's more fun to be friends than to pick on others.

Linda says

This is an easy-to-read children's book about goofy moments with animals. My 1964 edition contains simplistic but colorful pictures with beasties in various stages of dress. It is both charming and foolish that just makes you feel happy. Take it for what it is: very sweet and worth the time to read to children five and up.

"But never tease a weasel;
this is very good advice.
A weasel will not like it
And teasing isn't nice!

You could make a riding habit

for a rabbit if you choose;

Or make a turkey perky
With a pair of high-heeled shoes.

You could make a collie jolly
With a gay crocheted cravat;

Or make a possum blossom
In an Easter Sunday hat."

Cathy aka The Attached Mama says

All of my kids LOVE this book. It is great fun to read aloud.

Shayla says

This book is about being nice to everyone you meet. Throughout the whole story it provides examples of helping different animals out. Like "You could build a mouse a house with a chimney made of bricks." But when it comes to the weasel, you see that the children are always bugging him, scaring him, and teasing him. In the end it states that it is better to be nice to a weasel, so he will be nice back.

I love this book because of the art work that is included. It is original, and captivating. I love the lessons that this book teaches to children. And it helps them be able to relate being nice to different animals, which all children love animals.

In a classroom setting I would definitely use this book. It helps show students that even if you really want to tease someone, it's better to be nice to them instead. It good to be nice to everyone, and if you single out the one person, they will be sad. You will make more friends if you are nice to everyone you meet.

Melanie says

The author tries to get across the point that it's never nice to tease by interspersing several verses of "Never tease a weasel, because teasing isn't nice," with phrases like "give a pig a wig," "make a goat a coat," etc. Not effectively done.

If the goal of storytime is to make a child laugh, this should do the trick. But don't use it for lesson-teaching.

Elaine says

I love this book! I remember it from when I was little. It was out of print for a long time and I am so happy it is available again.

"Never tease a weasel

Not even once or twice.
The weasel will not like it,
And teasing isn't nice!"

Sharon says

Another of the books that never made it to my house when my mother sent a box that disappeared ... this was my absolute favorite book when I was in kindergarten.

It's a clever rhyming book about being nice to others:

"Never tease a weasel,
And now I've said it thrice.
The weasel doesn't like it,
And teasing isn't nice."

Michael Fitzgerald says

Hmmm - this book was published in 1964. Fox in Socks was published the very next year. And the dreadful What This Story Needs Is a Pig in a Wig came out in 2015. I do note that The Habits of Rabbits was published in 1957.

Hannah says

I am forever indebted to this book, for teaching me the existence of the word *thrice*. :-)

Margaret Chind says

This is one on the list for Memoria Press Junior Kindergarten and our library did not have it nor had I heard about it... so I hesitated to just go buy it. I also couldn't find at our local bookstores. Finally it came through on inter-library loan and am I ever glad that it did!

From just skim previews nonlinear and the cover image I wasn't impressed. But actually reading the text and seeing all the images I am in love! This book is fabulous, cute and witty. The rhymes are adorable and there is lots of vocabulary learning potential. Truly with what I have seen so far the book lists for Memoria Press is amazing.

Going to find a copy to buy now!

Bryan says

And never judge a book by its cover....

because my daughter wanted me to read this book to her for a bedtime story, and I thought it looked terribly dreary. (We have the original printing, bought in a bunch of books at a yard sale, and stored here at the lake). And yes, based on the cover, this book looked dull.

But what great rhymes! This is very, very good. A lot of fun to read to her, and she enjoyed it a lot.

Teresa TL Bruce says

Ooh! Ooh! Ooh! I am so excited to learn this has been reprinted, as my 1964 copy is VERY worn!

This is a DELIGHTFUL picture/rhyming book that makes "being nice" the obvious choice when dealing with weasels. My children all LOVED it as much as I did and as much as every child who ever saw it.

I have no idea if the new edition has the same wonderful, vivid illustrations with bright solid backgrounds, but it is a "must read" for kids by its rhythmic text alone.

Although they probably won't admit it, even older kids will grin as they listen. You may even catch them trying to peek at the pictures!

NOTE: I have now seen a copy of the newer edition. It is cute, but the pictures lack the vibrancy of the original. The poetic text is still amazing, though!

Alicia says

I think it was the illustration of the girl with beads in her braids that drew me to this book. Then it was the rhyming words. Then it was the lesson about teasing. And then it was finished! Read this one to your children at speed, and then pick it up a notch. Try not to laugh or you'll just have to start over! A fun book!

Julie says

I was introduced to this book in my late teenage years by a friend of mine and completely fell in love with the simple message it delivers. Thus began my quest to acquire a copy of my very own...which led to my nieces and nephews all wanting copies and frantic searches on eBay. Honestly, why this was out of print for so long is beyond me! I haven't seen the reprint, but I hear the illustrations are nothing like the original, which is a shame.

Never Tease a Weasel is one of those books that every child should grow up with. Its playful, memorable

rhymes and fun illustrations drive home a very important lesson and one to which we can all relate.
