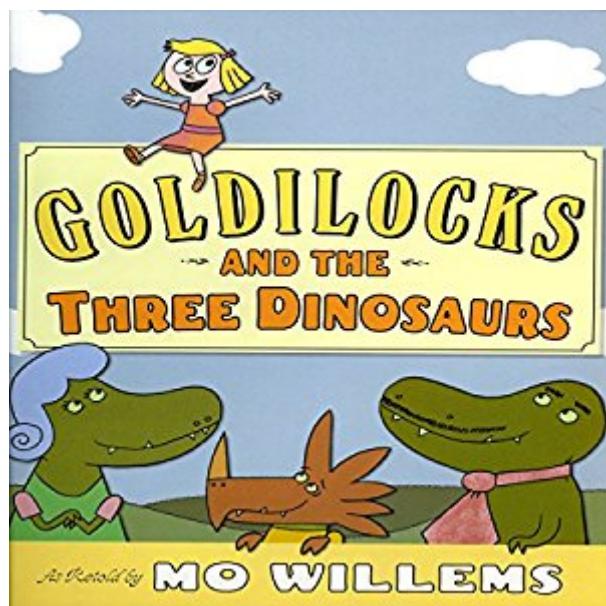


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Goldilocks And The Three Dinosaurs



Synopsis

Once upon a time, there were three hungry dinosaurs: Papa Dinosaur, Mama Dinosaur...and a dinosaur who happened to be visiting from Norway. One day - for no particular reason - they decided to tidy up their house, make the beds, and prepare pudding of varying temperatures. And then - for no particular reason - they decided to go...someplace else. They were definitely not setting a trap for some succulent, unsupervised little girl.

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Customer Reviews

Let me start by saying that I am not always a Mo Willems fan. Yes, there are some books that I adore, but there are many that I feel are almost mass produced just for the paycheck. This book definitely falls into the category of ones I adore. From cover to cover, I was laughing out loud. Literally, the covers have possible other titles, such as Goldilocks and the 3-for-1 special. Many of them are hilarious! I read this book at the library where I work, and I was laughing so much that my coworkers were looking at me like I was crazy. So this is a retelling of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, obviously. What child isn't going to like a familiar story retold with dinosaurs? Some of the humor will probably be lost on small children, but that doesn't mean they won't like the story. That means you have a story that children will like and parents will be begging their children to listen to. In the story the dinosaurs "Went Someplace Else and were definitely not hiding in the woods waiting for an unsuspecting kid to come by." That right there pretty much sets the tone for the whole book. I don't want to ruin much of this story's charm by telling you what happens. I just have to say, Goldilocks' face when she is done with the bowls of pudding is priceless. Also, make sure you look

at the pictures closely, especially the posters. You should probably explain to your kids why the "We are natural gas" poster is so funny (they're dinosaurs... they're natural gas... get it?!) Definitely read this book.

"Be patient, Papa Dinosaur! The trap is not yet sprung!" A Mama Dinosaur, a Papa Dinosaur, and some other Dinosaur visiting from Norway hatch a plan to lure a succulent child who just happens to come upon their unlocked home while they are someplace else. Before going someplace else, for no particular reason, the three Dinosaurs make their beds, position their chairs just so, and cook three bowls of delectable chocolate pudding at different temperatures. Soon enough, a little girl named Goldilocks comes moseying along. Of course, Goldilocks is a girl who never listens to warnings, especially about not barging into big empty houses. The tempting delicious smell of chocolate pudding is too much for Goldilocks and she consumes every last spoonful. Discovering that the chairs are much too big for her to sit and take a rest, she decides to hike over to the bedroom, where she determines that the gigantic beds must belong to some really nutty bears. Just as Goldilocks is mulling this over, she hears a loud, booming noise that sounds like "A few more minutes, and she'll be asleep. Delicious chocolate-filled little girl bonbons are yummier when they're rested." Goldilocks thinks very hard, and not being a fool, she conjures up a plan of her own. Mo Willems has done it again in creating a brilliantly funny, laugh out loud, retelling of a timeless fairy tale. The illustrations are genius with subtle humor on every page.

I bought this book for my 5 year old grandson. I must first admit that he has virtually every Mo Willems book published. He loved this book in particular because of the twist on the Goldilocks and The Three Bears story. He giggles every-time we read the book. A nice add to his library collection.

I adore this book. If I didn't buy it for my kids, I'd probably have purchased it for myself. What I love about this book most is that Mo Willems wrote it. Seriously. He just doesn't disappoint and he's such

a fantastic storyteller and artist. As an adult with a strong affection for good childrens' stories, I can't express enough how important it is to me that books encourage children to fill in the blanks with their imaginations. I have to be careful saying that, because I don't want to indicate that there is anything missing. Rather, I think a really good book will ignite the momentum for their imaginations to keep rolling, while the story is going, but also long after it is over! What I like most about this book is the snark. Simply put, it's just really funny. Even if you've come to love Mo Willems' writing like I have, you still won't be able to predict what happens next because the story has a life of its own. The three dinosaurs (LOVE the +1 special guest dino...hahaha) are devious and little Goldilocks is so naughty and careless. It seems like our kids really are censored, especially when you compare the stories they read now, to stories that were told LONG ago that were often created to teach kids lessons about the dangerous world they lived in. This book follows suit and has its own morals to teach, but does so in such a hilarious manner. I'm trying to write an essay and I'm really not sure why. I think that I should never review Willem's books here because most of the time my answer is just "I just love it. I love everything about it." My kids are 3 and 6, and my 3rd "child" is 31. We all love this story!! SO glad we ventured out our very happy home in the world of Knuffle Bunny, Pigeon, Elephant, and Piggie. We still love them- they're our favorites, but we have room in our bookshelf for many more favorites if they're anything like this!!

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