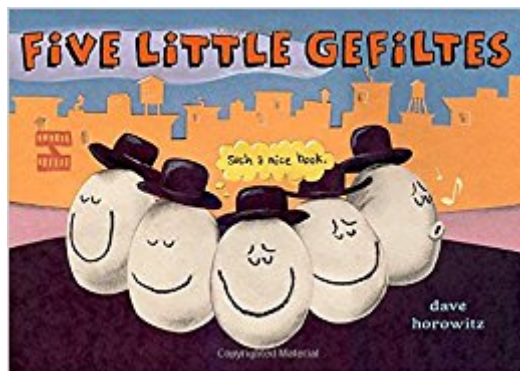


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Five Little Gefiltes



Synopsis

When five curious young gefilte fish have the chutzpah to sneak out of their jar and set off to explore the world, they are followed by a loud OY VEY!; Mama Gefilte isn't too happy to see her little ones leaving the nest. But she's taught them well, and at the end of their adventures, each one proves himself a mensch; making Mama one proud gefilte indeed. Dave Horowitz's playful rhyming tale, its illustrations packed with comic asides, will have readers giggling out loud and looking for opportunities to practice their Yiddish; with help from the handy glossary at the end of the book.

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Customer Reviews

With this endearing if uneven parody of "Five Little Ducklings," Horowitz (The Ugly Pumpkin) initiates youngsters into the joys of Yiddish "just in time for Passover. After explaining what gefilte fish is (though non-Jewish readers may not be helped much by a definition that compares them to "matzo balls made out of fish"), the author sends the five title characters out of their jar to explore New York City. Mama Gefilte's cries of "Oy vey!" meeting with decreasing success as, one by one, the gefiltes are lured away: "One little gefilte went out one day./ A big yellow taxi schlepped him away./ Mama Gefilte cried out 'Oy vey!/' but not a single gefilte came back that day." Comic asides abound, enabling Horowitz to stuff even more Yiddishisms into his story, including the always evocative "tuches" and "plotz." Of course, all the gefiltes do eventually come back to their

meshugana Mama " 'cause each was a mensch!" Horowitz's gefiltes actually do look an awful lot like matzo balls, but their hats give them character, and his compositions play up the puns (e.g., a movie ad for Goldie Lox and the 3 Schmears). Simms Taback's Kibitzers and Fools this is not. Think of this as pretty tasty schmear. All ages. (Feb.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

PreSchool-Grade 2 "Remember the five little ducks that wandered away from their mama? In this parody, the troublesome offspring are balls of chopped fish traditionally served as an appetizer to a Jewish meal. The gefiltes wander across an early-20th-century New York City, visiting theaters and delicatessens, swimming in the bay, and riding in a yellow cab, with a smaller number returning home each time. Whenever she loses a child, Mama Gefilte cries out, "Oy Vey!," and the book is well spiced with Yiddish phrases and New York speech patterns. Of course, all ends happily when the five gefiltes return, because "each was a mensch" (a really good person). With the right adult guidance, this story may amuse youngsters while helping them to absorb some Yiddish. It might even encourage them to expand their tastes-although gefilte fish is not a dish popular with kids, who are more likely to agree with the character who utters "Feh! that's disgusting." It's silly, but all in good fun. Heidi Estrin, Feldman Children's Library at Congregation B'nai Israel, Boca Raton, FL Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

I give this book as a first or second birthday book, and add a college fund check! Very cute and the adults will love it!

Oh my god, this book is awesome! My sister got it for us for the kids' second birthday, as a bit of a joke (we are not remotely Jewish) and because it looked funny, and we loved it so much we immediately sent copies to our Jewish friends with kids. The kids like it a lot (though they don't get some of the humor). They like yelling "Oy vey!" with Mama Gefilte. "Such a nice book."

This quirky kids book slaps every page with Yiddish and references to New York City Jewish life. Although it may feel like a throwback to the 1950s, we have found it very charming. More importantly, so has my toddler who has probably asked it to be read to him >100 times in 18 months.

As a nanny I've read hundreds of books with children and none compares to Five Little Gefiltes! It's

a delight to have young children react with such joy and enthusiasm as I read to and with them. Nothing compares to the sound of a giddy child yelling "Oy vey!" Except maybe the sound of a child yelling "I'm gonna plotz!" It's become a favorite book of every child I've read it to. Such chutzpah this book has! ;)

Awesome book, and true favorite of my sweet little 2 year old.

This book is a take-off on 'five little monkeys jumping on the bed', or 'five little ducks went out to play'.... five little gefiltes start out, and then, one at a time, they each get distracted and leave. Then the Mama Gefilte is sad because nobody calls, and then they all come back. Funny pictures, hidden little jokes in the pictures and good rhymes make this a good buy.

Hysterical. For the clueless American Jewish kid. Who knows nothing more about Judaism other than gefilte fish, tuchis, and oy vey. Lol.

Looking forward to many readings. This book is hilarious. You do not have to be Jewish to enjoy.

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