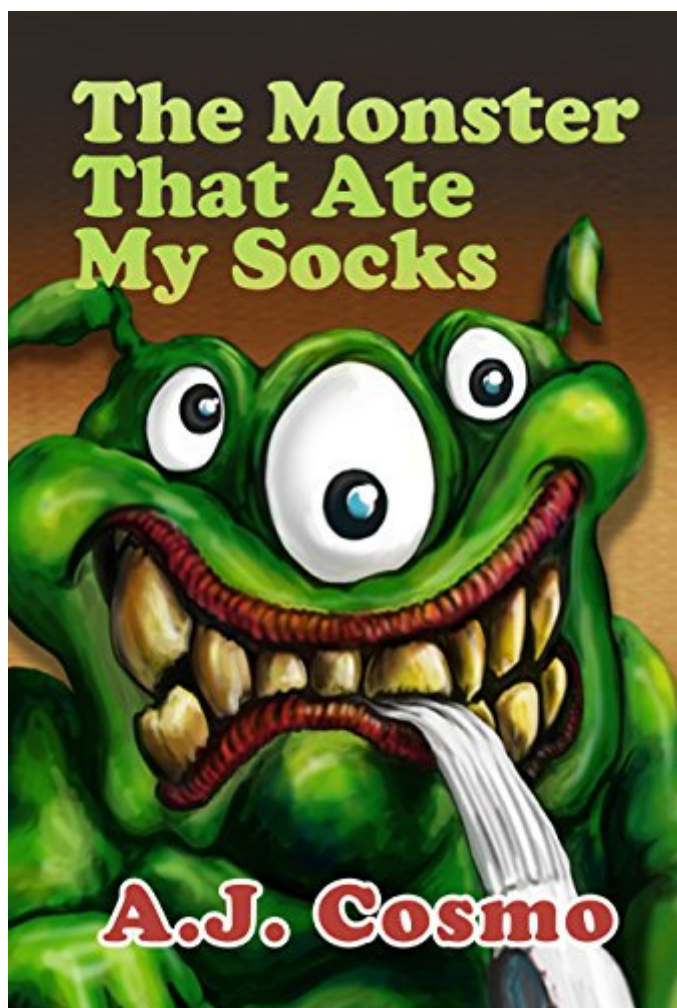


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# The Monster That Ate My Socks (A Perfect Bedtime Story)



## Synopsis

What happens to all those socks that go missing? Monsters eat them of course! 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders will love the easy to understand writing and the colorful illustrations! (3K words, 7 illustrations)

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## Customer Reviews

We read this book to the kids in our preschool at naptime and they really liked it. We even read it the next day since we had some different children there and the ones that had heard it kept telling the others what was going to come next. We were surprised at how well they had listened and how much they remembered. It is a great book. It makes a scary thing like a monster into something you sympathize with.

Do you have socks that go missing? What do you think happens to those socks? The author, A.J. Cosmo, has written a fun story about missing socks. One little boy kept losing his socks. His mom would ask him where his socks went. The little boy had no idea where his socks went, it was a

mystery to him. One day he found a half chewed sock in his laundry basket, and he wondered what was going on. He decided to stay up at night and see what was eating his socks. A little after midnight his door opened, and a funny little green thing entered his room and went right for the dirty socks. The little boy scared him and the little green monster went into the closet. Mom came into see what the noise was all about. Nothing could be found and she again told her son to go to sleep it was late. The little boy went to school the next day, and he and his friend, Ryan discussed dirty socks, and they decided to work together to solve the problem. When you read this story you will discover exactly what happens. This is a story that had me a little confused. I liked the funny little green monster. I was not a fan of the homework as a part of this story, it had a very negative connotation. Recommended. prisrob 11-04-15

I grabbed with giving this 3 or 4 stars. Here is why: the idea was interesting, it had a decent beginning storyline... I felt like the mom was pretty textbook in being stern and unbelieving (which bothered me a little), and while I liked the problem solving the kids had to do to hide and save the monster family, I just didn't love the way it was handled. There also isn't much in the way of character development. It does give new meaning to "the monster ate my homework" excuse, but... Eh. It's alright. I definitely wouldn't give it less than 3 stars but I don't see myself reading this to my kid often, and probably never my classroom.

I've had some success with AJ Cosmo's books and this was another one. Weird, but original and fun, and which took a Doctor Who approach to conflict resolution by showing that the brain is mightier than the sword. A nameless child is having a problem in that his stinky socks seem to be showing up in tatters the next morning - not clean ones, only the stinky ones. He doesn't seem to grasp that if he washed them, or at least secured them, they might be safe from whatever it is that's eating them, but he does have the smarts to lie in wait one night to find out that a green, three-eyed little creature is attacking and devouring his socks, and he makes a plan with his friend Ryan to trap the critter, which they do. He didn't realize, though, that even monsters have families, and this one is only wanting to be able to take care of three kids. Further investigation reveals that the monsters also love to eat bad homework and test results (now there's an idea!), so the kids come up with a nice solution to the problem. In some ways I was a little bit disappointed that there was no opportunity seized here to discuss personal hygiene or the importance of doing well in school. There

doesn't need to be a lecture, just a word or two here and there to get the idea into kids' heads. That curmudgeonly comment aside, I did like the story and the monsters, and the message that you can help people even when, at first blush, they appear to be scary or beyond help. And here I thought lost socks were orbiting Saturn alongside all the lost luggage! Shows what I know. I liked the overall story and the originality, and I consider this a worthy read. Besides, it has socks appeal! (Review originally posted on Ian Wood's Novellum)

I got this the other day, and didn't get around to previewing it before I read it to my kids. I wondered if it would be too scary, but I emphasized the silly parts, and the pictures, etc. And everyone (ages 3 to 12) thought the story was good. And it does explain where all of our socks disappear to, which has been a mystery to our family.

I've read quite a few of this author's books, some are really good, some not so much, The Monster That Ate My Socks is a fairly good read, which plays on the sock disappearance mystery that a lot of people experience. This one the mystery is solved by the fact the monster on the cover is responsible, but what's a kid to do when his mother doesn't believe him and tells him to stop losing socks as she can't afford to keep buying new ones? The book also tackles the old Dog Ate My Homework myth with a new spin about half way through. Basically this is a junior fiction short story with illustrations in the style of the cover image throughout. I enjoyed it enough to recommend it but I don't think it's one that will be remembered years into the future by either the adult reader or the child reader or child being read to.

The Monster That Ate My Socks is a cute, funny short story for kids with fun illustrations. My 7 year old boy and my 3 year old girl both enjoyed listening to me read it.

My son (6 yrs) and I loved this book! It was a great find that occasionally had cute pictures within too. I read it to him after dinner one night and he really enjoyed it and was bright eyed, at brief moments a little scared, but not too much, just enough to keep his attention. It has a surprisingly delightful ending that I don't want to give away, but you will be pleased too. I'm sure we will be returning to it again soon. UPDATE: My son is seven now and able to read it to me! We still really enjoy this story.

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