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There Was An Attempt

There Was an Old Sailor is a creative variation on the childhood "there was an old lady who swallowed a fly" rhyme that (surprisingly) hasn't been done before. Cassandra Allen's illustrations are excellent and fit the theme perfectly. It's definitely a picture book that both kids and parents can enjoy.

Note: I received a digital copy of this book through NetGalley.

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There Was An Old Lady

This is a retelling of "There was an old lady who swallowed a fly." The illustrations are quite nice--I especially liked the squid and the ray.

Gorgeously illustrated picture book in the style of "There Was an Old Woman". Followed by a few fun facts about each sea creature that was swallowed. VERY FUN!

There Was An Idea

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The illustrations are so well done in gouache and pencil. The pictures are bold and expressive which young readers will love. The language is rhyming and singsongy (is that a word?), another aspect that is perfect for young readers. This twist on an old classic is the perfect way to open up a discussion on the concept of the sea food chain. Cleverly the author adds a segment at the end of the book called, "Fishy Facts" which gives information regarding the creatures that the old sailor has downed. The book is a very fun read and gives lots of opportunities for you to learn more about life on and under the sea.

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and were a pleasure to look at while reading. In addition, to this story at the end of this book there are fish facts about the sea creatures that the old sailor had swallowed. The joys of new rhymes will fill the air with laughter. As well make the children wonder what the old sailor will swallow next. Children who love rhymes and the sea will enjoy this story.

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I love pretty much everything about "There Was An Old Sailor". From its clever cadence to its fun illustrations you and your child will have a blast reading this story!

My three year old son has even memorized some parts and loves to say them with me. The story is silly but will make your kid do plenty of thinking and not just about sea animals. My son flat said that swallowing some of these animals whole is impossible. When I challenged his statement with "He could of chewed them" my son hit me back with "No Mom, it pacifically says SWALLOWED not CHEEEEWED". Yes, I meant to put pacifically.that's how he says it.

I love that this is an actual story instead of information dumping. Kids want to learn but they also want to do it in fun innovative ways. Not just repeating over and over the same facts in the same ways.

This book is unique and fun! I'm glad we found it! You never know, this book may sneak its way onto the Christmas list.

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There Was Another In The Fire

I have read many armloads of picture books to my son when he was young so I think this is one is a peach! The pictures are in bright colors and are eye catching.

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There are "fishy facts" in the last part of this book including some that I didn't know before.

I highly recommend this book for very young children and for autistic children who love rhyming.

I received this book as a win from FirstReads and that in no way influenced my thoughts or feelings in this review.

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This is another spin on the song There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly. It seems like it doesn't matter how many versions of that song I read, I still like them. This one takes on a new twist that I haven't seen before. The old woman is swapped for an old sailor and the farm animals are replaced by sea life. The rhymes are pretty good the whole way through, and the book flows easily. Nothing feels forced or awkward.

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The illustrations have a lovely, hand drawn, doodle-like feel to them, even though they are finished paintings. They also depict the sailor actually eating the animals whole, rather than just showing the animals alongside him. My kids laughed at the pictures of the sailor trying to fit an whole creatures into his mouth. If your kids like the Old Lady versions, they'll like this one too.

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THERE WAS AN OLD SAILOR is a clever twist on There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly. It all starts when a tough, old sailor makes the mistake of swallowing a krill, though it will, no doubt, make him ill. As the story progresses, the sailor makes some rather extreme food choices in an attempt to rid himself of the pesky krill. Before the end of the book he's swallowed all manner of marine life, including a squid, a ray, a seal, a shark, and a whale. Then, with a burp, he sets sail. The book is finished with a quick, amusing facts about the sea creatures found within the book (and the sailor's stomach). Vibrant illustrations of the sailor and the creatures he fearlessly swallows will no doubt captivate young readers. Recommended! ...more

A re-singing of the old song, "I Know an Old Lady," this one alters the story from swallowing land animals to swallowing sea creatures. It's really cute, although the opening verse makes no sense at all, other than to create a rhyme. Still, it creates a scenario like the old song, in which the character has to swallow bigger and bigger creatures.

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The artwork is only okay, but those are probably the cutest krill in the history of children's books. ...more

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I wasn't convinced that all the song "scanned." But I will definitely use it in storytime, because it's just too cute not to! ...more

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There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly Lyrics

Reading this humorous picture book gave me a tummy ache as the sailor kept swallowing larger and larger sea creatures. A take-off on the classic "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly," this version features a sailor who swallows first a krill, followed by a jellyfish, and eventually a whale. Of course, it's obvious that he could never consume such large meals, and when he burps after all that food, no one will be surprised as all the marine life is expelled back into the sea. The gouache and pencil illustrations are quite attractive, and young readers are likely to enjoy this rhyming version of one of their favorite ditties. ...more

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There Was An Old Man With A Beard

Very cute spin on "There Was an Old Lady". I think kids would enjoy the nautili themed tale with all of the sea creatures the sailor swallows. I love the illustrations in this book. I also like that the author included a fact about each animal that the sailor swallow.

I think my Kindergarten classes would love this silly book.

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This time a sailor is swallowing things. Not surprisingly the things he gulps are sea related. This books introduces many different sea creatures that young kids may not be aware of yet and has a helpful guide at the end to explain the new creatures to them. The animation is neat, line style drawings. The story does get repetitive with the lack of creative of why he swallowed the creatures, but that is a minor jab at another wise solid book.

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A retelling of "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly," but with a sailor who swallows a krill, a jellyfish, a squid, and a number of other sea creatures. For those who don't mind the repetition, this is a fun version of the old tale, with gorgeous illustrations and a happier, funnier ending. Includes a section with "fishy facts" at the end, telling more about each animal featured in the book.

I was fortunate enough to receive this book as part of the Goodreads First Reads program. This book is a very creative rendition of "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly.". Kids are sure to be amused at how the sailor ends up curing his tummy troubles! Beautifully illustrated. The big colorful pictures are sure to catch the eye's of little readers/listeners. And the "Fishy Facts" at the end was a great addition. Kids at elementary level are sure to love this book.