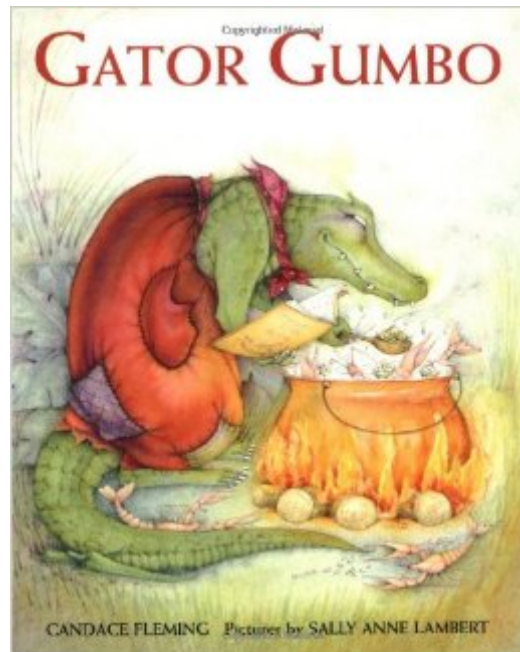


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# Gator Gumbo: A Spicy-Hot Tale



## Synopsis

A new take on The Little Red Hen -- Cajun style Poor Monsieur Gator is getting old and is moving so slow he can't catch himself a taste of possum or otter, or even a whiff of skunk. Day after day those animals tease and taunt him until, finally, he decides to cook up some gumbo just like Maman used to make. But who will help him boil, catch, sprinkle, and chop? Certainly not rude Mademoiselle Possum, ornery Monsieur Otter, or sassy Madame Skunk. But when the gumbo is ready, they're more than eager to enjoy the result of Gator's hard work and as they run to get a taste - "Slurp! Slip! Plop! Them animals go into the pot." "Mmm-mmm," says Monsieur Gator. "Now, this is gumbo just like Maman used to make." Illustrated with wit and whimsy, this mischievous tale will have young readers laughing out loud.

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## Customer Reviews

"Let me tell you about Monsieur Gator. Monsieur Gator, he lives down in the bayou, oh yes he do. He lives on the edge of the swamp, uh-huh. He has big claws, big teeth, and a big appetite, for sure. But Monsieur Gator, he has a big problem too. You see, Monsieur Gator, he is getting old. He is growing gray. He is moving so-s-o so-o-o Sl-o-o-o-w. Hoo, I tell you that gator moves slower than saw grass grows. He moves slower than a snail with sore feet. He moves so slow he cannot catch himself a taste of possum, or abit of otter, or a whiff of stripe-tailed skunk. And - oh ho! - them critters sure

know it!"So starts this wonderful tale; a retelling of the tale of The Little Red Hen when all is said and done. This little story is set along the banks of a Louisiana Bayou and is filled with the most interesting characters. All the swamp critters know that Monsieur Gator is getting old and cannot catch them any more and they take full advantage of this and spend their day teasing and tormenting the old gator. I must say that they are obnoxious little critters and as the story unfolds you become quite sorry for the old gator and quite putout at the obnoxious little beasties. The old gator is crafty though. I suspect he has read the adventures of The Little Red Hen and he uses the same ploy that our little feathered friend used, slowly building his pot of gumbo and asking at each phase for help; help that is solidly refused by his lazy little tormentors. That is okay with Old Gator though...he keeps right on working.

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