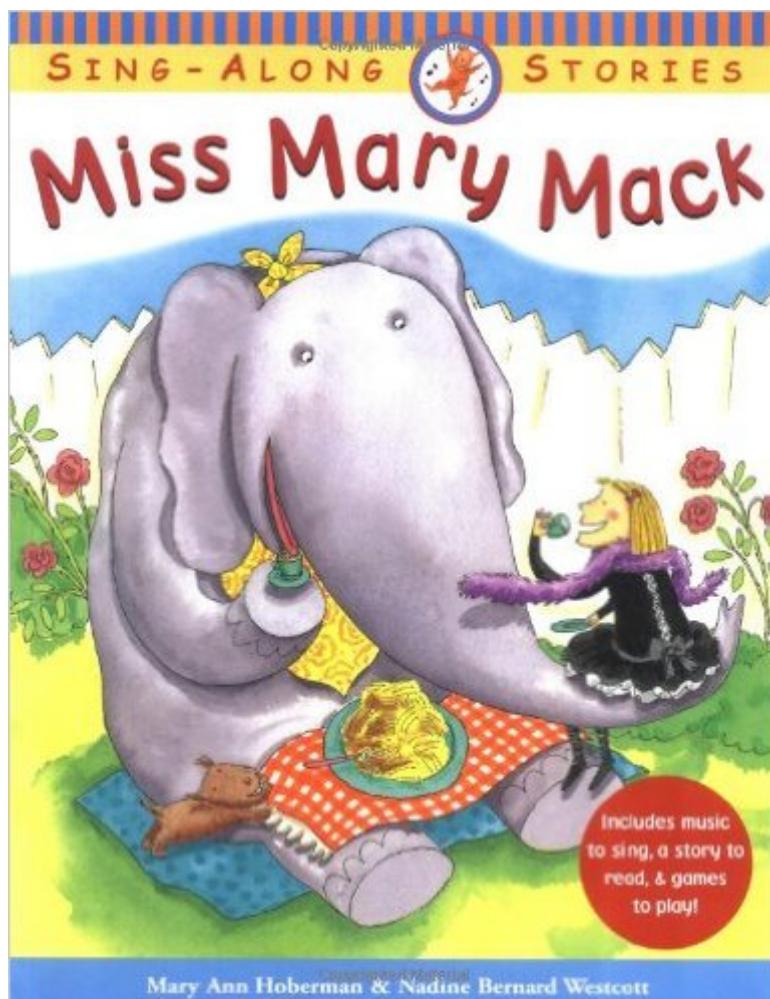


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# Miss Mary Mack



## **Synopsis**

Hugely popular in both hardcover and board book formats, this fun story--that children will want to sing, chant, read, and clap to--is now available in paperback. Full color.

## **Book Information**

Series: Sing-Along Stories

Paperback: 32 pages

Publisher: Scholastic, Inc.; Reprint edition (April 9, 2003)

Language: English

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Product Dimensions: 8.5 x 0.1 x 11 inches

Shipping Weight: 5.6 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.6 out of 5 starsÂ  See all reviewsÂ  (59 customer reviews)

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 1

## **Customer Reviews**

I use this in the music classes that I teach. The kids love the part that everyone knows, but the authors have taken it a few steps further by adding additional verses. The verses are charming and make a great addition to this already established children's classic. The illustrations are hysterical and subtle. Make sure that you take time to examine them closely!

I knew this song was older than the book (1998) but I had no idea it was \*so\* much older. Evidently the song (or at least the first three stanzas) originally dates back to the Civil War. With acknowledgment to

Wikipedia:=====Miss Mary Mack, Mack, Mack (name of ship: The Merrimack)All dressed in black, black, black (ironclad warship)With silver buttons, buttons, buttons (rivets)All down her back, back, back (ships are referred to as females)She asked her mother, mother, mother (the Confederate States of America, i.e., the South)For fifty cents, cents, centsTo see the elephants, elephants, elephants (symbol of the

Republican party, which was the majority of the Union, i.e., the North)Jump over the fence, fence, fence (boundary line)They never came back, back, backUntil the fourth of July, July, July (Independence Day)

====The book itself boasts energetic watercolors and of course a memorable rhyme. Minus half a star for the lack of hand jive clapping instructions, which I believe are included in the non board book version (Miss Mary Mack: A Hand-Clapping Rhyme), and another half star because I would have liked a reference to the history of the song, if only for parents.

We borrowed this book from the library for my 2 yr old grand daughter who loves ALL the Mary Ann Hoberman sing along books. It was to the point I recorded them on my phone so I could sing them to her without the books! I purchased the board book thinking that it would be the same, but it left out a verse AND some vital pictures( the verse about the ketchup popping and the last page where they float down to the party and there is an elephant shaped in ground pool) When I sing the board book, My granddaughter always asks where the elephant pool is and ketchup popped. popped popped. I also noticed that the pictures are smaller and parts left out. (the zoo keeper sleeping in the front of the book when the elephant sneaks out).The board book is great if you havent read the others.

Ordered this book after my daughter loved The Lady with the Alligator Purse. She can sing the whole book herself so I thought I would try this one. She loves this one too. Loves the illustrations as well.

I ordered this book as a big book to use as a shared reading lesson with my second graders. When I received the book, it was not a big book, instead it was a regular sized picture book. Although I love the illustrations and story, it was not what was in the description. I had to make a power point to share it with my students in this format. I was going to return this book, but was unable to make it to UPS in time. I'm very disappointed I paid \$20 for a paperback picture book when I expected a big book.

I liked this book, like all of the Hoberman song-story books, but it was a little complicated for the preschoolers I teach. The illustrations are complex and hard for a roomful of little ones to "get" right away,- they often asked me what was going on - and I find that "the simpler the better" is a good

rule of thumb for this age group.

I've always known a few verses of this one, but needed to know the entire song/rhyme. Bought this for my 3-1/2 year old twin girls who love it. The pictures are great too and our girls often times will "read" it themselves by singing a story based on what they see in the pictures. And, being a board book, it is very sturdy and holds up to 3 year old hands.

The illustrations are sweet and children love books that go along with favorite songs. This song is always a hit with my k-2nd grade music classes and reading the book after we sing it makes it even better.

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