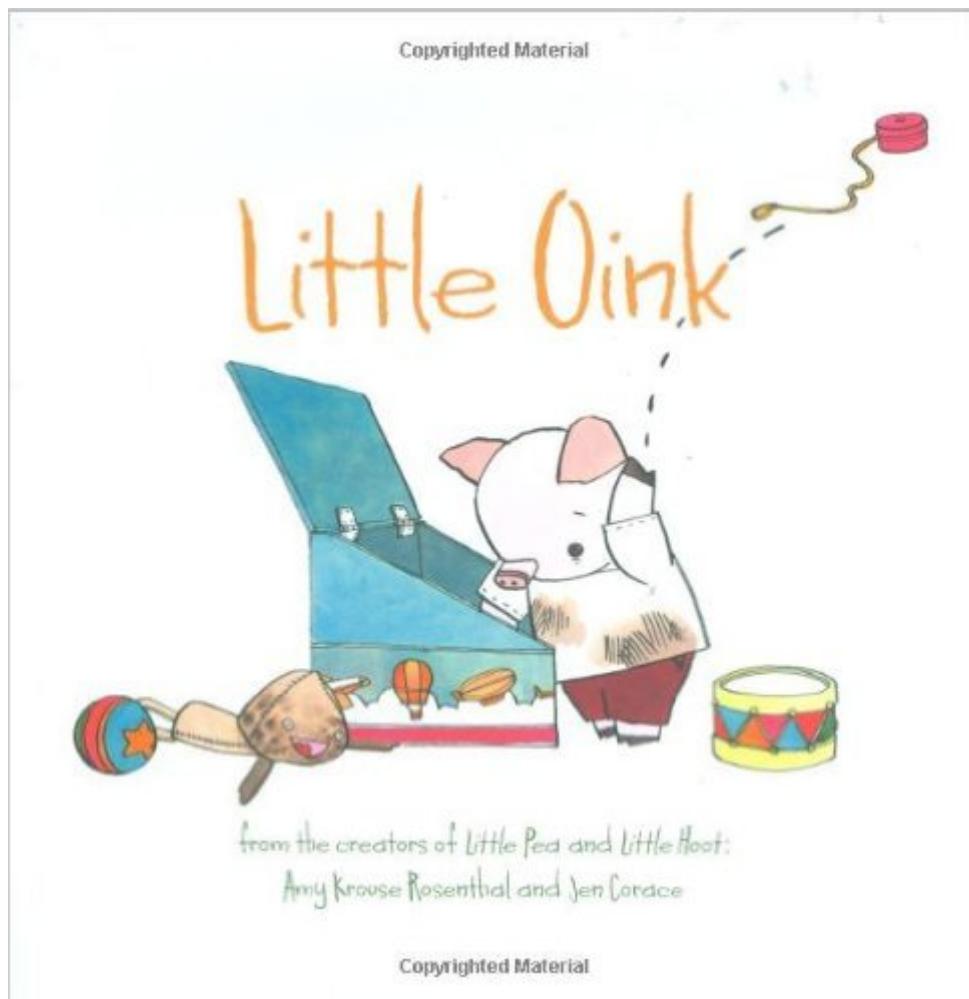


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Little Oink



Synopsis

From the creators of Little Pea and Little Hoot comes this tidy tale of a decidedly different pig. Little Oink is a neat little fellow. Clean clean clean that's all he wants to do. But Mama and Papa won't have it! They say in order to be a proper pig he has to learn to make a proper mess. "Don't come out until your room is a pigsty" says Papa Pig. "I won't have any child of mine going out looking so neat and clean. It's just not acceptable" says Mama Pig. Readers who hate to clean up will love this humorous twist on a universal dilemma.

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool and up

Customer Reviews

Little Oink is a bit different than most other pigs his age. While he enjoys playing with his pig pals, he also manages to find a way to remain neat and virtually stain free. He loves digging for those sooty truffles, but prefers wielding a trowel to soiling his snout. Little Oink happily partakes from the community trough in the mess hall - he's the only piglet with utensils and a checkered napkin. Little Oink's parents insist that he must learn to make a proper mess so that he can grow up to be a respectable pig. Each night he is forced to don grubby clothes and make a proper mess of his room. Little Oink mumbles and grumbles, but he dutifully unmakes his bed and unfolds his clothes. He reluctantly drags in fresh mud and tosses toys willy-nilly from his toybox. Only after a proper mess has been made will his parents allow him to run off to play his favorite game. Definitely it is the obvious humorous twist that will have children laughing uproariously. The very idea that

adults would make a kid dirty up his room put huge smiles on the face of every child in our reading group. Great concept, but it is the many clever details lurking in the background that make this book so terribly clever. Jen Corace takes such care with her illustrations, working to make each one just so. Overall, extremely well done and a pleasure to read. As Little Pea has earned a place of honor on our bookshelf, so will Little Oink. I'm always thrilled to find picture books that I enjoy as much as my children. This is a series of books that I could read over and over again - and we certainly will.

Great reverse psychology....very clever. Just like the other books by this author..all are a must have in a child's library.

We started with Little Pea a few years ago and it has been a favorite in our house from day one. When I found out Amy Rosenthal had two more "Little" books, I immediately bought them. We love both this and Little Hoot. My only gripe is these books contain many words synonymous with "said" that make it difficult for new readers. I understand avoiding redundancy using the same word on every page, but sometimes that is helpful for frustrated readers.

After reading many great reviews for this book, I decided to purchase Little Oink, as well as Little Pea and Little Hoot. The concept of these books is really clever...the idea of the pig (or the owl/pea in the other two books by this author) doing the opposite of what most animals, or children, would want to do. However, both my 5 year old and myself found all three books to be a little boring; not nearly as cute as the reviews stated. I also found them to be rather anti-climatic: the pig messes up his room when his parents tell him to, even though he doesn't want to, and then they live happily ever after. I don't know, maybe I missed something, but I returned all three books for a refund. Like I said, the concept is very cute, but I don't think that carried over into the writing.

We bought Little Oink for my first son when he was only about six months old. He was attentive to its pictures and its rhythm even at that young age; he's almost four now and he still loves it. This is one of his few books that I've never tired of reading; it's full of smart little details that encourage all the various stages of infant and toddler development. It's by far my favorite of the three books in this series (the others are Little Pea and Little Owl). As a parent who remembers being harangued by her own parents constantly about cleaning her room, it really resonates with me. And by now, we've probably purchased 10 copies of this book to include in baby care packages for our new-parent friends.

This is a clever book that has the rare attribute of being as fun for the adult to read as it is for the child to hear. Follow along as Little Oink is chastised by his parents for being too neat and told that he has to make a proper mess if he is going to grow up to be a decent pig. I wish my mother had read this to me when I was a child! I'm not sure if the age group of children to which this book seems targeted are old enough to internalize the message, but it holds my toddler's attention and I appreciate the author's dry wit and reverse psychology. The illustrations are charming and well done, have good detail, and pair well with the written word. Though relatively short- but just about right for my almost-two-year-old, it is filled with humor and irony. Parents will be smiling knowingly as they read this to their little ones. Equally good and fun to read are other books by the same author: "Little Pea" and "Little Hoot"

I loved this book! It is unusual with a twist on the regular theme of cleaning up a messy room. There's adorable word play and a sweet theme of cleanliness being an individual choice. Very clever! I would definitely share this with older elementary school children when they learn about puns and word play.

Our 4 year old thoroughly enjoyed this series, including Little Pink. The reverse psychology is a fun approach to the daily battles of life's chores.

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