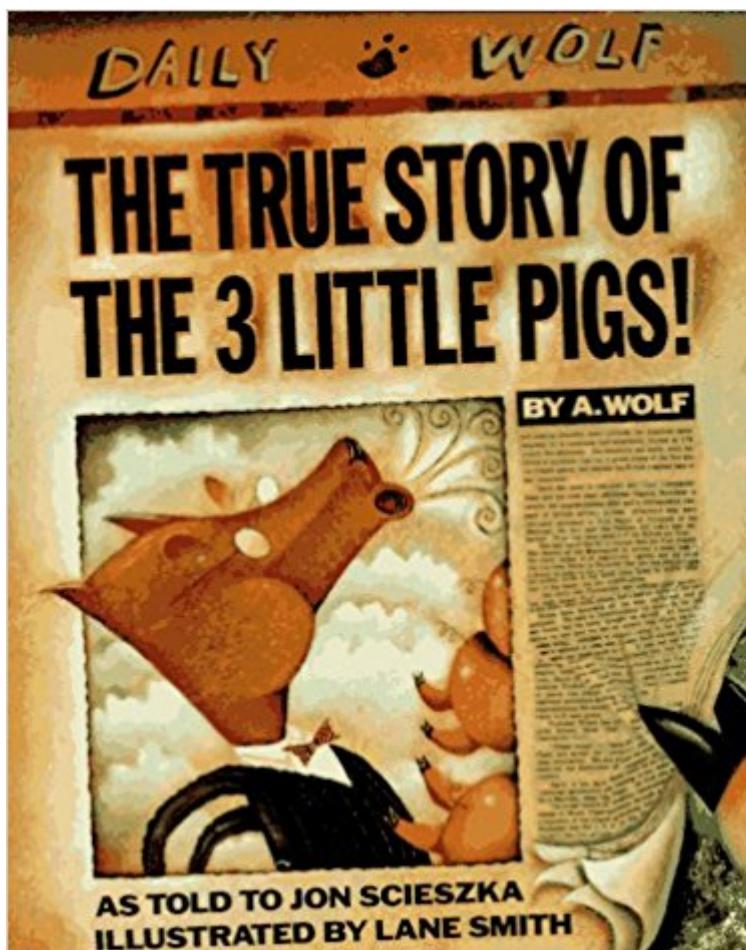


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# The True Story Of The 3 Little Pigs!



## Synopsis

A spoof on the three little pigs story, this time told from the wolf's point of view. Lane Smith also illustrated Hallowe'en ABC which was one of The New York Times Best Illustrated Books of the Year.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Did the story of the three little pigs ever seem slightly biased to you? All that huffing and puffing--could one wolf really be so unequivocally evil? Finally, we get to hear the rest of the story, "as told to author Jon Scieszka," straight from the wolf's mouth. As Alexander T. Wolf explains it, the whole Big Bad Wolf thing was just a big misunderstanding. Al Wolf was minding his own business, making his granny a cake, when he realized he was out of a key ingredient. He innocently went from house to house to house (one made of straw, one of sticks, and one of bricks) asking to borrow a cup of sugar. Could he help it if he had a bad cold, causing him to sneeze gigantic, gale-force sneezes? Could he help it if pigs these days use shabby construction materials? And after the pigs had been ever-so-accidentally killed, well, who can blame him for having a snack? As with The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales, (another stellar collaboration by Scieszka and illustrator Lane Smith), children who know all the old stories by heart will delight in reading impudent

new versions. Here, Scieszka's text is clever, savvy, and tabloid-quick, and Smith's stretchy-strange illustrations complete this funny, irreverent, thoroughly original tale. (Ages 4 to 8)

In this gaily newfangled version of a classic tale, Scieszka and Smith ( *Flying Jake* ) argue in favor of the villain, transforming the story of the three little pigs into a playfully suspicious, rather arch account of innocence beleaguered. Quoth the wolf: "I don't know how this whole Big Bad Wolf thing got started, but it's all wrong." According to his first-person testimony, the wolf went visiting the pigs in search of a neighborly cup of sugar; he implies that had the first two happened to build more durable homes and the third kept a civil tongue in his head, the wolf's helpless sneezes wouldn't have toppled them. As for his casual consumption of the pigs, the wolf defends it breezily ("It seemed like a shame to leave a perfectly good ham dinner lying there in the straw") and claims cops and reporters "framed" him. Smith's highly imaginative watercolors eschew realism, further updating the tale, though some may find their urbane stylization and intentionally static quality mystifyingly adult. Designed with uncommon flair, this alternative fable is both fetching and glib.

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Who doesn't love The True Story Of The 3 Little Pigs. I bought this book 30 years ago (man I'm old) to read to my son's 2nd grade class. Now 30 years later I bought a copy for my grand kids. They love it! Wonderfully funny story that makes you feel a little sorry for the wolf. Great buy!

I laughed out loud while reading this to my grandchildren. I highly recommend it to others.

This is a hilarious take on the classic story. I currently teach preschool, and it's a great lesson about always hearing both sides to every story.

This book is too cute! You get the wolf's side of the story. He is just misunderstand! LOL Fun book to read w/ kids!

One of the all time best children's books. I loved it as a child and now I love reading it to my daughter!

This story is funny and a while new twist to the classic story.

This book was a gift for my great grandsons. They found this book lots of fun.

This story about the wolf's version of the "Three Little Pigs" that is so delightful to children and adults. The wolf tries to prove he was innocent of doing any huffing or puffing or trying to blow the pigs' houses down in a very humorous way. I received this as a gift when my kids were young and have bought this for several friends with young children. Probably good for age 4-5 & up and older children & adults will enjoy this as well. Highly recommend.

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