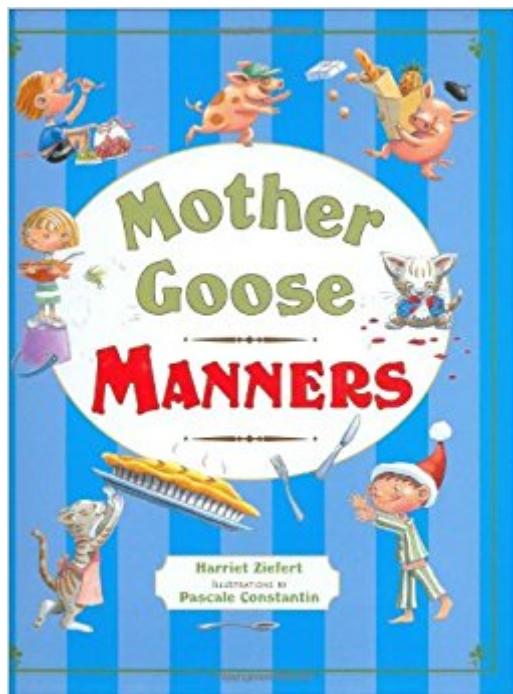


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# Mother Goose Manners



## Synopsis

If Jack Sprat and his wife had better table manners, maybe they would have used knives and forks instead of licking the platter clean. And the littlest pig would have been more helpful if he'd helped carry his brother's packages instead of crying wee-wee-wee all the way home. Whimsical illustrations and gatefolds offer both an introduction to good manners and a rousing good time.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2  
•Twelve nursery rhyme characters are taken to task in this picture book on decorum. A traditional verse is presented on the left, and the right-hand page questions the action, folding out to reveal a large, colorful spread with a more "polite" scene. "What should Jack have said" when he pulled out that plum with his thumb? "Next time I'll use a fork." Some lessons are silly. For example, the visiting pussycat who frightened the mouse under the queen's chair should have said, "Excuse me, mouse. Don't be scared. I won't hurt you." And when this little pig went to market, the last little pig should have helped carry the packages instead of whining. The color cartoon art contains comical details, but overall the images don't rise above the ordinary. This thin book struggles to serve as an etiquette manual or as comedy.  
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My 3-year-old granddaughter loves this book. Familiar nursery rhymes have a twist. The reader is asked what should the spider (that frightened Miss Muffet away) have done or what Jack Sprat and his wife should have done. Flip the page, and the answer is revealed, providing a short etiquette lesson. Clever way to introduce children to good manners.

My twin girls love reading this book. The illustrations are great and the the rhymes are fun. I've heard them quote parts from it when discussing manners with each other and others, which I love since it lets me know that the 'manners message' is getting through. Highly recommend.

My daughter loves this book and insists that I read the entire thing in one sitting instead of just a couple rhymes! I'm very please with out purchase. The pictures are bright and cute too, love!!

Mother Goose MannersÂ Â Delivery was uneventful and the book is a perfect children's introduction to manners. Thank You! NT

After each rhyme a question is asked about how the character could have been more polite, helpful, courteous and apologetic. Now, these rhymes are nonsensical and usually about animals but it is an important lesson to teach children that even their unintended actions have consequences. I really enjoyed this book, it is humorous, nonsensical, colorful, active and serious all rolled up into one charming book. Pascale Constantin also did an amazing job incorporating the cute and detailed illustrations. It certainly, gets a 5 star review for its multi-use ability in curriculum. For young and old, this is a great learning book. [...]

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