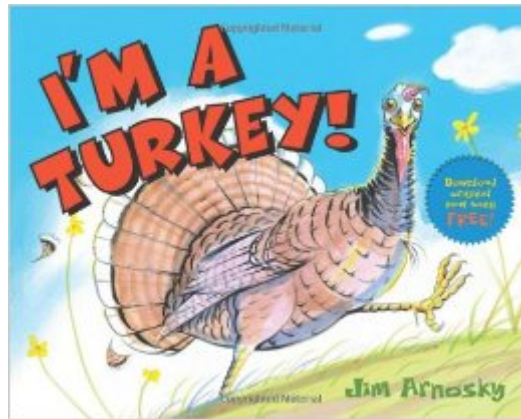


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# I'm A Turkey!



## Synopsis

A REALLY fun song full of facts about turkeys by award-winning naturalist Jim Arnosky! As he did in GOBBLE IT UP!, Jim Arnosky has created a charming picture book from a catchy, spoken-word song that is a favorite in schools everywhere. This humorous song, filled with factual information about turkeys is fun for Thanksgiving -- and all year around! This will make a great combination with Jim Arnosky's All About Turkeys. Download of I'm a Turkey is available on ((xxx.scholastic.com))

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

I conduct storytimes for preschoolers at a public library and I use this book every November. It's a great way for children to learn about wild turkeys, and the turkey as a real animal, not just a cartoon character or something you buy buy at the grocery store. The rhyming text is catchy and fun, with just enough factual information mixed in. The illustrations are very well done with visual variety on each page. I highly recommend this book for ages 2-5.

A wild turkey flock can be very large. Tom is telling everyone about his family and the large flock that he comes from. When turkeys communicate they make all kinds of strange noises and, as most children know, they gobble. They are a heavy bird and have a bit of trouble when they want to take flight, but when they do they can go an amazing fifty miles an hour! Turkeys have to be fast and always on the lookout because gobble, gobble, they can be a tasty snack for other critters. "I'm a

turkey, they call me Tom, I got a turkey dad and a turkey Mom. I got a turkey brother and sister, too. I'm a part of a flock of 102 -- Wild turkeys. Every one." Although the book jacket states that this book "is a hilarious way to learn fun facts about America's favorite big bird," the facts tend to be very limited. I would not introduce this book as a learning tool, but rather one simply to have a lot of fun with and perhaps a stepping stone to learning more about the turkey if desired. There is a song that can be downloaded and played to a classroom or group of children. It is very catchy and lots of fun, but too fast to sing along with and turn the pages of the book at the same time. The art work was very whimsical, comical and quite appealing. If you are looking for a fun, entertaining book about the turkey, this would make a nice choice!

This is an amusing "spoken word song" about a turkey named Tom who describes his family, "I'm a turkey, they call me Tom, I got a turkey dad and a turkey mom. I got a turkey brother and sister, too." He declares that he is a member of a flock, and that they communicate just not in words, "We putt and peep and squawk and squabble - talking turkey. Gobble, Gobble." He chants, "But we must be careful, can't be hasty, 'cuz lots of critters find us... TASTY! Not all the rhymes scan equally well. The acrylic paint illustrations are realistic like those rendered in his book, "All about Turkeys" (Scholastic Press, 1998); although they convey personality as well: one illustration shows Tom peering around a tree, "Always on the lookout". A free audio rendition by Jim Arnosky is available on the Scholastic website to download to an MP3 player.

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