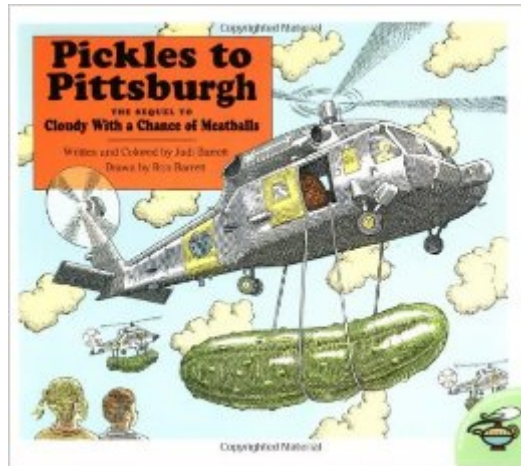


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# Pickles To Pittsburgh



## Synopsis

In this charming sequel to the classic "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs, " Kate and Henry eagerly await Grandpa's return from a vacation that his postcard says has been one of the best and most unusual ever. Thinking about that postcard Kate drifts off to sleep that night and... "With Henry as my co-pilot..." she visits the strange land of Chewandswallow -- a land characterized by massive amounts of food, immense carrots, leafy jungles of lettuce, and tuna fish sandwiches so gigantic they have to be moved by helicopter. What the people of Chewandswallow are doing with all that food is most intriguing of all. Fans of "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs" will applaud this return trip with its underlying message of generosity and a world community.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I thought PICKLES TO PITTSBURGH was the sequel to CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS, but I was somewhat mistaken. The children from the first story do visit Chewandswallow, but only in a dream. The illustrations in this book are just as original as the ones in the first. However, the story is lacking and doesn't have the charm of the original story. Young children don't seem to mind that, though, and like reading the stories back to back. If you're familiar with CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS, you maybe disappointed somewhat after

reading PICKLES TO PITTSBURGH. However, if you're just looking for a book to read to kids, it's a good choice.

I remember reading the first book ("Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs") when I was in school and I loved it. I had no idea there was a sequel to it until it showed up on my recommendations list. I purchased it for my daughter. It is a good story, but for me at least, it was just a sequel to a much better story. I am glad I purchased both books, but my daughter and I really enjoy the first much more.

This book is very creative. People should read this book because it is hilarious. I am a second grader and I read this in my class.

Judi Barrett, Pickles to Pittsburgh (Atheneum, 1997) Almost twenty years after the original, there was finally a sequel to Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs. Unsurprisingly, it's not quite as good as the original. Much of the whimsy has disappeared from the concept, though one can't fault the direction the story takes; I'm sure the question popped up every time Judi Barrett took the Meatballs show on the road: "why don't the people of Chewandswallow use all that food to feed the hungry kids in [fill in the blank]?" And that's exactly what we get here; Kate and Henry, our protagonists from the original, find themselves back in Chewandswallow in a dream Kate has. This time, the town has turned its food-based weather into a thriving export industry, sending its bounty around the world to feed the hungry and end drought. Quite civic-minded, and to be honest, a little boring. What saves it from obscurity is Ron Barrett's faithfulness to the artwork of the original; you'd never know nineteen years passed between book A and book B, and the two can be read together without any sort of jarring when you cross between them, thanks to the artwork's similarity. If you've read the first, you'll eventually come to this one, though I doubt you'll be tempted to revisit it as often. \*\*\*

We absolutely loved "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" (I highly recommend it) but this is nowhere near as good. Most of the story is just rehashing the original book, with a little politically-correct "let's ship the extra food to the hungry" thrown in. Lame.

This is one of the BEST kids' books around. A fabulous sequel to "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs", this is just one of those fun books to share with your kids, and a must-have on the shelf, even if your kids are too old to appreciate it - everyone needs a little silliness now and again!

I ordered this book because we love the first one. My kids love the storyline and I enjoy reading it to them (even over and over!) The illustrations by Ron Barrett are really cool, unique I think with lines (not sure what the style is called) Both books are well-written and good for any age- from 1-27 here!! ;)

I love Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs so I had to get this book. However, I really didn't enjoy it as much. The illustrations are just as nice so it's still a fun book to look at but the story isn't that great. It's about a dream that the kids have while Grandpa is away where they visit Chewandswallow. Most of the story is just describing what they see and then all of the sudden toward the end they find out that the old townspeople have created a company that sends the food all around the world to help those in need. The message is nice but the story just wasn't as fun to read or interesting. A lot of it felt like a repeat of the first book just not as good. I think I could have done without this one.

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