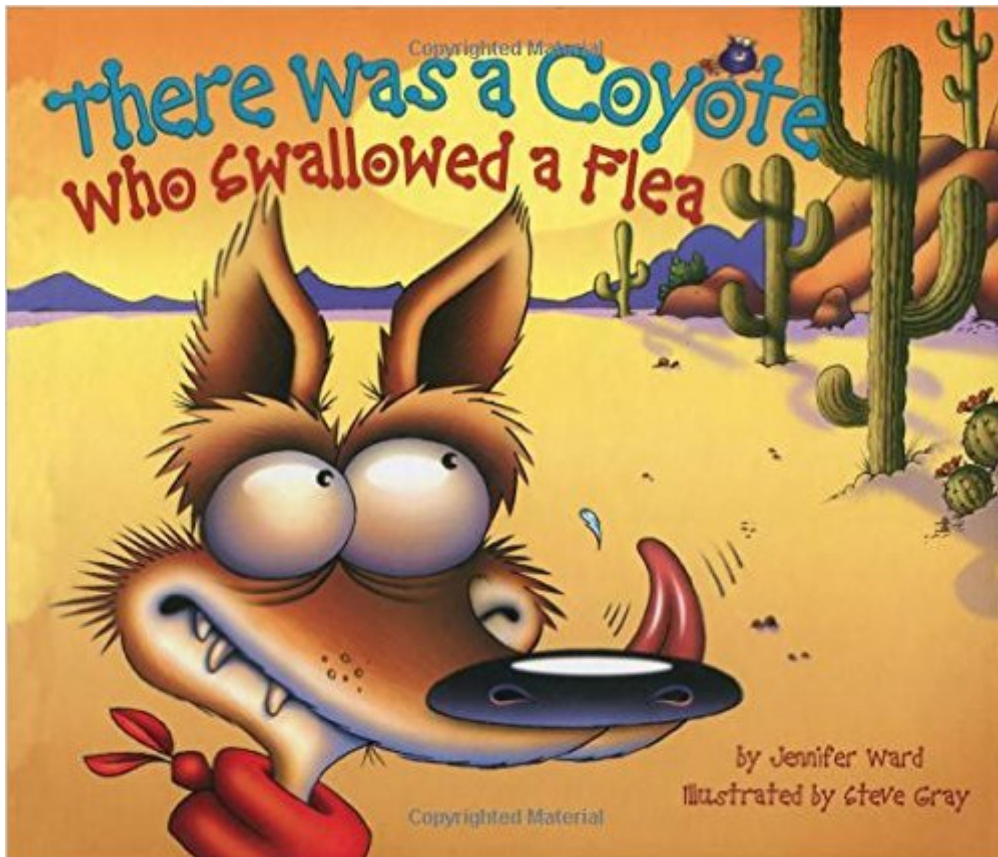


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# There Was A Coyote Who Swallowed A Flea



## Synopsis

There was a coyote who swallowed a flea, Plucked from his knee, that tickly flea. Yippee-o-Ki-Yee! Skinny ol' Coyote delights readers of all ages as he swallows his way through this delicious southwestern-flavored retelling of a well-loved rhyme. As Coyote gets bigger, the story gets zanier as a bird, a bull, and even an entire cactus end up as dinner. It's pure fun for everyone—even that little flea. Call him silly to swallow a chile! Yippee-o-Ki-Yee!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Jennifer Ward is the author of *The Seed and the Giant Saguaro*, which received the Young Readers' Award honor book for the First Grade Book for the state of Arizona. It was selected by Arizona's Governor. Ward resides in Tucson and her environment lends itself to the children's books she writes. *There Was a Coyote Who Swallowed a Flea* is the retelling of an old rhyme. Coyote swallows most everything in sight in this children's story. He starts with a flea and works his way through a lizard, snake, bird, chile, cactus, a ten gallon hat, a boot, a bull (oh my!), and finally the moon. And then... Well, that's a surprise! *There Was a Coyote Who Swallowed a Flea* is a raucous tale of a Coyote and his antics. It's a delightful story that will result in belly laughs. The illustrations are large, bold and silly. No, that's not enough. They're just plain zany. And that's a good thing. *Armchair Interviews* says: This book will be a favorite of children and the adults will love it also.

Award-winning author Jennifer Ward presents *There was a Coyote Who Swallowed a Flea*, a whimsical children's picturebook offering an outrageous take on a common children's nursery rhyme. Following the exploits of a hungry coyote who sets out to gulp down everything in sight - and the perplexed appetizers socializing in his tummy - *There was a Coyote Who Swallowed a Flea* blends the vibrant, cartoony art of Steve Gray and singsong rhythm to create a rollicking funny tale. "He swallowed the cactus to go with the chile. / He swallowed the chile to season the bird. / He swallowed the bird to catch the snake. / He swallowed the snake to catch the lizard. / He swallowed the lizard to catch the flea, / Plucked from his knee, that tickly flea. / Yippe-o-ki-yee?"

Warning: Don't get the Kindle addition of this book if you want to use it on a mac. The book itself is great with wonderful illustrations to a nice traditional rhyme but the kindle version appeared all jumbled up on my mac screen with some pages having only text and no picture, other pages having parts of pictures and no text (one whole page was just a little piece of rock and the text about the flea came after the picture of the snake!). This is a shame because a digital version can be projected on to a screen so that all the kids in my class can actually see the pictures and the text. Fortunately I was able to get it on iBooks which not only displays properly but it has animation and an audio recording of a woman reading the text. The words are highlighted as they are being spoken! Too bad won't get this to work for mac users. I had problems before with sheet music from the kindle store that would not display properly on Kindle for mac.

We love this book! We had checked it out at the library and my 2 and 4 year old fell in love with it. They had it memorized by the time we had to turn it back in. After listening to them repeat it for a couple weeks, I finally bought it for them. A few months later and it is still a family favorite! We all know it by heart but love the illustrations. We live in the desert so we especially love how this book relates to our surroundings :)

This is a cute book. It is level 3.1, quiz #114543. It is an AR book and you can earn AR points if your school has the system. Here is an activity that goes with it.

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Sequencing-COMMON-CORE-There-Was-An-Old-Coyote-Who-Swallowed-a-Flea-1755310> The kids really love it when you use a silly voice to go along with it when reading. I used it with kindergarten students and they were able to follow it.

My 2-year-old grandson wants this book read to him no less than 3 times a night! Then the next day

he plays, "Swallow the (object)" and laughs and laughs. What a cute idea for a nighttime children's book.

Here's a unique spin on "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly." This cumulative children's song is transported to the dry desert Southwest in Jennifer Ward's sprightly takeoff, *There Was a Coyote Who Swallowed a Flea*. A big-eyed, rather goofy looking coyote begins his epicurean adventure with a flea plucked from his knee. The initial stanzas retain the logic of the original: he swallows a bird to catch a snake that he swallows to catch a lizard that he swallows to catch the flea. Following the bird, old Coyote's diet becomes decidedly bizarre--always with a southwestern flavor, of course. In rapid success he gulps down a chile pepper, a ten-gallon hat, a cowboy boot, a cactus, and more. Just when the reader thinks the coyote will surely burst, a surprising but satisfying plot twist saves the day--and the omnivorous coyote. Computer art by Tucson native Steve Gray is an apt match for this updated text. Colorful caricatures romp across the pages with cheerful good humor. The result is a fun read-aloud for cartoon-loving kids.

This "newer" version of *There was an old lady who swallowed a fly...* is just as entertaining as the original. Since I live in TX, I pointed out all of the Texas/dessert references in the book to my 4-year-old grandson. He wanted me to read it so often that I think he ended up memorizing every line. He loved knowing what was going to happen next. The story line was funny and the illustrations were terrific. This book was definitely a hit!

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