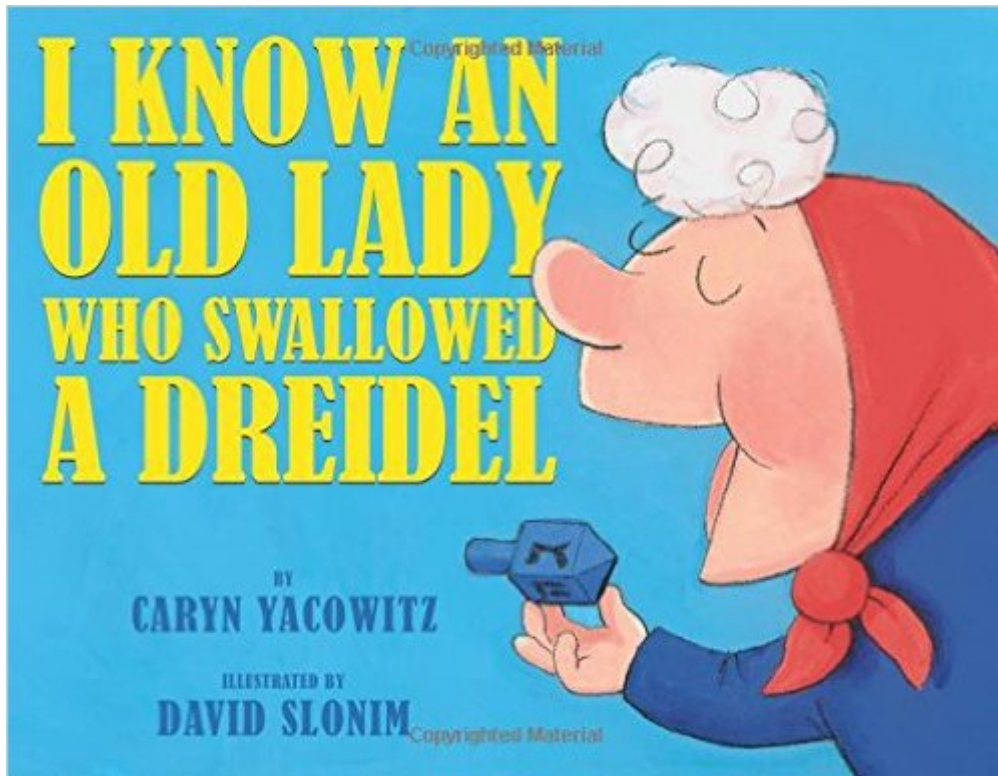


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I Know An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Dreidel



Synopsis

You've never seen Hanukkah or the "I Know an Old Lady" story like this before . . . through hilarious takes on the world's greatest works of art! A family drives through the snow to visit their beloved bubbe, who spreads out a Chanukah supper for everyone to enjoy. But one dish goes a little wrong: "I know an old lady who swallowed a dreidel! A Chanukah dreidel she thought was a bagel... Perhaps it's fatal." Indeed, Bubbe's first bite leads to an insatiable taste for oil, latkes, applesauce, gelt -- even menorahs! But as the family tries to distract her from her gluttony, the items she devours grow ever larger. Will they be able to reconnect with her and bring her home for the last night of Chanukah -- or will her feasting in fact be fatal? Beyond the joy of a Jewish take on this most American of folk songs, the illustrations here offer hilarious parodies of great works of art by da Vinci, Rembrandt, Vermeer, Hopper, Rockwell, Matisse, Picasso, and other masters--adding a whole new layer of humor and culture to the familiar tune. You'll love this old lady, and want to visit her every Chanukah for years to come.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

All preschool and elementary-aged children are familiar with the song, "I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly". Ms. Yacowitz has taken this traditional song and put a witty Chanukah spin on it.

The old lady swallows a dreidel, a brisket, a menorah, and finally candles. The text can be a great way to introduce and discuss the most common elements we associate with Chanukah. If you choose to sing the text, those same objects will be even more easily remembered. David Slonim's illustrations are based on art masterpieces, except they've now become Chanukah masterpieces. Who knew Whistler's Mother was familiar with brisket? Did she make it with onion soup mix, I wonder. Adults will find the illustrations a hoot while their children learn about famous works of art (and parody).

Hilarious! I predict this will become a Hanukkah classic. The text is very clever. The old lady swallows a dreidel "she thought was a bagel...perhaps it's fatal." Add in the artist pairing that text with a parody of Munch's The Scream and you've got a truly funny book. My favorite illustration: the old lady's family is shown in the same pose as Grant Woods' American Gothic, only in place of the pitchfork, they're holding a menorah. Brilliant pairing of writer and illustrator.

I loved this book - it's funny and warm and funny and delicious and yup, funny! The entire idea and conceit of the book is so clever. But the best part is that it fulfills a real need, an opportunity to introduce all the key ideas and words of Chanukah to a young audience with wonderful illustrations plus! an opportunity to sing along with it. I bought 4 copies as gifts and now buying four more- a must have Chanukah gift for every child! And save one for yourself!

This book was bought for 2 gifts--for my grandchildren and as a new baby gift. My grandchildren are familiar with the other "I know an old lady" books and easily added this to their favorites list. The new born has it on his shelf of children's books to grow into. I look forward to opportunities to read it in both situations. It is light, humorous, and causes laughter by the kids. This book will be kept around for a long time.

I bought this for my grandkids and everyone loved it -- the kids love a "singing" picture book, and the adults loved the illustrator's witty take on so many famous paintings (complete with photos of the originals in the back). Highly recommended.

I romped through this tale by Caryn Yacowitz accompanied by tastes, smells, and Jewish "oy gevalt!" as the hysteria mounted...punctuated by the giant burp. I had to begin again to revisit the hilarious works of art by David Slonim. Transcending the plebian Jewish shtick was what I hoped

for...and what I got. What a unique idea to introduce classic works of art. A gift for adults and kids of all ages!

adorable book, enjoyed by children & adults. Classic works of art, very cleverly worked into each page, provided opportunity to explore them with my grandchildren. The rhyme was also very enjoyable. A Hanukkah hit!

What a delightful, multilayered picture book. Not only is it lovely to read aloud--children will easily chant along--but it also intertwines fine art and Chanukah tradition in a very humorous way!

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