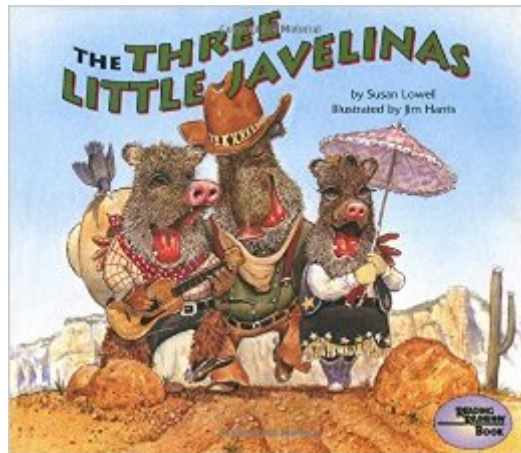


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# The Three Little Javelinas (Reading Rainbow Book)



## Synopsis

Everyone knows the story of the three little pigs, but now you're going to meet the three little javelinas (pronounced ha-ve-LEE-nas)-loveable, wild, southwestern cousins of pigs. Living in homes built out of tumbleweeds and saguaro ribs (from the fallen giant cacti), the first two javelinas are soon running from the hungry coyote, who had hoped to eat them with red chile sauce. And where do they go for shelter? Why, to their wise sister's house, made strong with adobe bricks. This clever and humorous tale is sure to delight children of all ages, especially those familiar with the Southwest. Dressed in cowboy duds and prepared for life in the rugged desert, these characters are more than any coyote bargained for.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

My girls and I have read this book many times. The subtle multiculturalism of the book comes across in a humorous, pleasant way. Coyote is the consummate trickster of generic Native American folklore, and the javelinas get help from Native and Latino people in the construction of their homes. The drawings are well done and the story sticks close to the classical version with a dash of southwestern spice. Recommended for children 3-7 and their parents.

I love the less gruesome details--the way I always told it--with nobody actually eaten or hurt. And I appreciate the new southwestern vocabulary, expressions, and illustrations. My grandchildren love

it. And my grown-up children all had to read it, too.

I'd like to reserve the "10" for various editions of the Bible and/or Shakespeare, but this English-Spanish new-age Southwestern styled rendition of the old stand-by "The Three Little Pigs" will have you and your kids just roaring with laughter as you also sneak in some serious home learning on a second language. The Javelinas will keep you on the edge of your seat in the dust of the great Southwest. Fun and real learning in one package...a great gift for your kids who are fascinated by new versions of the old favorite fairytales and interested in language skill development.

The Three Little Javelinas by Susan Lowell offers a twist on the classic children's story of the three little pigs. The three little javelinas (a wild, hairy southwestern cousin of pigs) live in a house of tumbleweeds, a house of saguaro ribs (from fallen giant cacti), and a house of bricks - but when a hungry coyote comes calling, only the house of bricks is strong enough to seek shelter in! An engaging fable, with unique anthropomorphic color illustrations by Jim Harris, The Three Little Javelinas is an entertaining and transplanted storybook retelling of a classic children's fairytale favorite.

I picked this up for my three-year-old at a used book store while I was on business in Tucson. She has a "Three Little Pigs" book, so I thought this would be fun for her. I read it on the plane, and found it to be educational and funny, and the artwork is superb. When I got home, my daughter was just getting ready for bed, so we decided to read it. She just loved it! I look forward to reading it again. This book is also a great reminder of the desert Southwest.

This book was used as a card for a co-worker moving away from the Southwest. Everyone signed it in the front (plenty of room for that) and the book was well received and something she can read to the kids and remember the Desert Southwest as they grow up. Such a cute book.

We live in a desert environment and he loved that the scenery was familiar. He was proud of learning the word "javelina" and liked the parallel to the traditional three little pigs story. Most books don't hold his interest for long, but this book has become a favorite. I also enjoy reading it and I hope that when he is older we can read the Spanish words together. I'd recommend this for a change for the adult who has to read the book over and over as well as the introduction of a

different setting for kids that may have a little trouble relating to books.

If you live in the Southwest, then this is a MUST for children of all ages. It is a delightful take on The Three Little Pigs and the illustrations are priceless. Very good! It is getting harder and harder to find it in Hardcover however. We purchase this book every time we are invited to a child's birthday party or, a shower. We bought it for the first time over a decade ago and we recently sent a copy to friends in Romania. Now, they can enjoy some Southwest humor.

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