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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

PreSchool-Grade 1. Children familiar with the beloved "piggy" rhyme must wonder "Why?" from time to time. Why did one little piggy stay home? Why did one get none? Well, here for those nursery wonderers are the answers, as a talented, imaginative grandmother reveals all in a bedtime story, from the first little piggy who goes off to market alone when his brother won't get out of bed, to the last little piggy who sings "Whee, whee, whee" as he returns from a visit with his grandparents. Lamut's charming illustrations accompany Heller's comical angle on a favorite nursery rhyme, and the whole attractive parcel will certainly lead to a surreptitious round of "piggies" after every cheerful reading. ?Patricia Manning, formerly at Eastchester Public Library, NY

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From [Booklist](#)

Ages 3[^]-5. Grandma is telling her grandson the story "This Little Piggy," but her version has several notable variations from the original. The first little piggy does head off to market; the second piggy doesn't just stay home, he takes a sumptuous bubble bath. The third piggy eats the roast beef that's supposed to be for dinner, and the fourth piggy gets none because he's been doing his exercises. And the last piggy isn't at home at all--he's visiting his grandparents. The mildly amusing text really gets its life from Lamut's fresh, bright artwork featuring pig-children in sprightly patterned clothes going about their day. A good choice for the story-hour crowd, who will enjoy being in on the joke. *Ilene Cooper*

From Kirkus Reviews

The well-worn, much-loved finger-and-toe game is elucidated and embellished to a fare-thee-well in this little picture book. It's not clear why readers need to know that the second little piggy was just waiting for his brother to leave so he could skip going to market and laze in a bubble bath; or that the third little piggy ate all the roast beef slated for dinner, much to the chagrin of the fourth little piggy. Children may be beguiled, however, by the adorable illustrations in bright candy colors, by the portrait of a perky, bespectacled grandmother who tells the tale to her grandson, and by the vivid hues of the piggies' world. While the game may be more enjoyable to play than to read about, this book may inspire children to tinker with and expand upon such rhymes on their own. (Picture book. 2-4) -- Copyright ©1997, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.

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