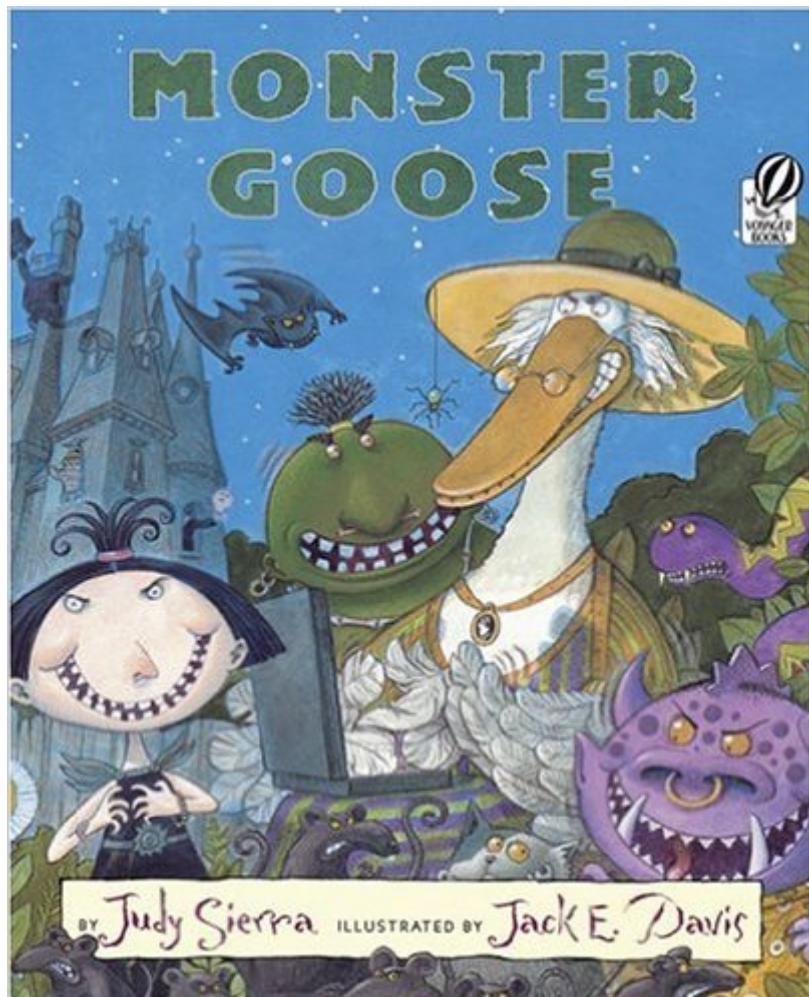


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# Monster Goose



## **Synopsis**

Old Monster Goose has turned Mother Goose's world of nursery rhymes inside out! Here she presents twenty-five deliciously disgusting poems, filled with rodents and maggots, zombies and ghouls, spiders, and of course, monsters.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

Mother Goose may never be the same...Sierra's Monster Goose looks like the traditional frumpy goose, but look more closely...yes, there it is. Monster Goose has that evil gleam in her eye, not to mention a discreet pair fangs...not only does she look more sinister than Mother Goose, her tales are decidedly creepier and CHOCK full of monsters, snakes, bats, slugs, and creepy crawlies of all kinds! What we get in Monster Goose is a creepy parody of our most favored nursery rhymes!

Sierra covers Hickory Dickory Dock (Slithery Dithery Dock), Mary Had a Little Lamb (Mary Had a Vampire Bat), Jack and Jill (Jill and Jaques), Twinkle Twinkle Little Star (Twinkle Twinkle Little Slug), and many more!! Some are cute, clever, witty, and just the right amount of creepy...while others not so much, thankfully where that happens, Davis' illustrations make up for it! The illustrations here are simply delightful...Mary with her vampire bat is a green, Goth chick (too funny); little Jack Horner is a green cannibal, complete with nose ring; Bo Peep has vampire sheep peeking around a tree at the unsuspecting werewolf; the zaniness is just perfect for this horrible nursery

rhymes! Overall, I give it four stars, the text and illustrations are fun, creepy and a perfect match for one another...it only gets four stars because not all of the rhymes work (some are strained and aren't all that funny or cute). Obviously you'd be doing yourself a favor to add this to your reading repertoire around Halloween, but there's simply NO reason not to add a little Monster Goose to your reading list at any time of the year! I'll be buying a copy of this for my permanent library!

There are certain things in this world on which we can all rely. Blue skies. Dark nights. Wet water. And certain kinds of parents flipping out when they run across children's books that do anything even slightly risqu  or off-the-wall. It is a constant. It happens every single day. Shel Silverstein and Maurice Sendak have all taken lobbed insults by overprotective parents. With this book Judy Sierra tries her hand at joining their ranks. Since the publication of "Monster Goose" Ms. Sierra has churned out a mix of tame tales like "Wild About Books" alongside even more bone gnashers like, "Gruesome Guide To World Monsters". You gotta hand it to her. She's got range. In this particular case Sierra went the ways of such greats as the aforementioned Mr. Silverstein to bring the world a delightfully twisted take on old nursery rhyme favorites. No sane parent is going to hand this book to a child that isn't already familiar with the originals. Duh. But if you've a kid with a bit of savvy to them who enjoys faintly freakish fancies, this pairing of Sierra and Davis is a wonderfully dark little turn. Pity about the cannibal. Like a nursery rhyme? All your favorites are here! A fan of "There was an old lady who lived in a shoe"? Try on "There was an old zombie who lived in a shoe" for size. What's your favorite monster? King Kong? He makes an appearance. How about boggarts? Check. We've got the Loch Ness Monster, pirates, Humpty-Dumpty (hey, I always found him creepy), ghosts, ghouls, mummies and more. And yes, there's cigar chomping and gasoline swilling.

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