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What do you dread eating the most? For the hero of this story, it's peas, and he thinks he's discovered a solution.

"I closed my eyes tightly and sent out a wish

That the peas would somehow disappear from my dish.

And something quite strange and mysterious occurred, As if somehow... somebody... somewhere had heard."

He makes a bargain with a fiendishly funny monster. First the deal is simple: the monster will eat the boy's peas in exchange for his soccer ball. But with each new encounter, the monster's demands escalate.

Eventually, our hero faces a daunting decision--can he conquer his loathing for peas or will he lose his most prized possession?

Matt Faulkner's uproariously detailed illustrations and Danny Schnitzlein's Seuss-inspired verse combine to create a clever story about how far we are willing to go to avoid doing the things we hate.

The Monster Who Ate My Peas Details

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Sassy says

The Monster Who Ate My Peas is a fun take on picky eating. The kid is stuck at the table until he eats his peas and from nowhere, a monster appears and offers to eat the peas in exchange for his soccer ball. The same thing happens again and the child gives up his bike. (eek!) The third time the monster appears, he chooses not to give up his dog (a cute little black Schnauzer) and to eat the peas instead. Naturally, the peas aren't so bad after all. But he doesn't get the bike and ball back either. :(

The illustrations are bold, colorful and detailed, they kind of remind one of David Shannon's style. The monster is gross, disgusting, its such a surprise that all the monster eats is vegetables.

The best part: I really like that gross monster, his description, and his image.

Who I'd recommend it to: kids who want a laugh, kids who don't like vegetables, kids who like books about monsters

Relyn says

This was such a fun book to read aloud to students. The art is amazing and so is the language. My second and third graders really enjoyed it.

Amy Lafleur Meyers says

A coworker showed this book to me. It's an amusing book about a boy who doesn't want to eat his peas and will do anything to make them disappear. Full of rhythmic, rhyming text, Schnitzlein tells of how the boy encounters a monster who will eat his peas - for a price. Of course the boy accepts and sees the result. The next time the boy has peas for dinner, the monster reappears and the demands escalate. Detailed Illustrations support the humorous readable text. I particularly liked the boy's cute little black furry terrier companion who appears throughout the story. Super funny book and I'm sure many kids will relate to the dread of peas on the dinner plate. I know I would've as a kid.

Rosa says

I liked the story and the message it had, and the rhyming made me very glad ;P

Kelly Veatch says

This book was so fun as a read-aloud!

Donna Mork says

Cute kid trades his soccer ball to a monster who eats his peas. Then he trades his bike. At last the monster asks for his dog. The kid doesn't want to trade the dog, so he forces himself to eat the peas and discovers, they are actually quite good. He is surprised. And now tries all kinds of food before passing judgment.

Melissa Namba says

A great book for picky eaters. I love that there were consequences AND that he had to feel bad about deceiving his parent. Highly recommended for my sister's kids, but I'm sending this book to my brother's kids.

Paula says

This is one of my all time favorite read-aloud books. I read it every year, and the students loooove it. Children love it because they can relate-- a young boy is not allowed to get up from the table until he eats his dreaded peas. A monster appears willing to eat the peas, but the boy must give the monster something in return. With each trade, the monster gets more demanding and the boy has to decide if he'll eat his peas. Children enjoy the rhyming text, creative story line, and predicting what they think will happen next. Add this to your shelf and share it with a child, but practice your pleading, little boy and monster voices first :)

Sherry Ellis says

What's a kid to do when he's given a pile of disgusting peas to eat? He can eat them...or he can make a deal with a monster who will eat them for him. If he opts for the latter, there will be a catch.

Told in rollicking rhyme, it's a fun story that kids will enjoy reading again and again. The illustrations really capture the essence of the monster and bring the story to life. Picky eaters might learn that it's better to eat their food than deal with the consequences of bargaining with a monster. Recommended for kids ages 3-7.

Heidi says

Funny story with a gross looking monster. Illustrates consequences and costs. Would be good to share with a picky eater.

Jessica says

What would you do to avoid eating your vegetables? You might try to feed them to the dog, but what if he didn't want them? Maybe you just moved them around on your plate to make it look like less or hid them in the mashed potatoes. Well, the boy in this sure-to-be-a-classic children's tale will do anything he can do avoid eating his hateful, disgusting, stinky peas - even going so far as to make a deal with a MONSTER!

This vibrantly illustrated tale proves that there are worse things than eating your vegetables, like losing your brand new soccer ball, or your shiny new bicycle, or even your poor puppy! A wonderful revelation comes to the boy as he tries to decide if he really wants to lose the things that mean the most to him. This book is a wonderful read for children who need an easy and funny story to read or just need to learn that there can be heavy consequences to not eating their vegetables.

M.K. Aneal says

Oh my goodness!! This has to be one of my favorite children's books!! My sister argued with me because I picked this book up at the library but as I started reading she got so into it she was almost yelling at the book. She was trying to tell the boy what he should do. Haha. This is what books are supposed to do- make you feel. Haha. Love it- 5 stars!!!!(: (:

Elaine says

I also once did not like peas.

Cheryl says

Best children's picture book I've read in years. The rhyme pattern is solid and steady. It uses great words. The story is compelling and the feelings of the main character are spot on. The illustrations are a perfect compliment to the plot. And lastly, the message is clear and empowering. Great story.

Patricia Kemp Blackmon says

As the boy sits at the dinner table staring at the peas on his plate his mother very seriously tells him he will not get his dessert unless he eat every single peas on his plate. When she leaves the room a monster that looks like a giant blob of mixed veggies offter to eat his peas in exchange for his soccer ball.

The monster continues to return offering to eat whatever the boy did not want to eat and he always wanted something that was very special to the boy.

Would you give up things that are special to you just so you would not have to eat something you disliked?

Could you lie to your parents and tell them you ate all of your food?

This story was fun with all the rhymes that I now have stuck in my head.

The author have a hilarious imagination to write such a fun rhyming tale. So did the illustrator in creating the perfect characters for the tale, especially the grotesque monster, the darling baby and cute puppy.

Kids will want to read or have this book read to them over and over again.

I rated this book 5 out of 5.

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