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Mr Magnolia has only one boot.

He has an old trumpet that goes rooty-toot -

And two lovely sisters who play on the flute -

But Mr Magnolia has only one boot.

In this wittily rhyming picture book, Mr Magnolia has a full and happy life except for one serious omission - a boot. But one day, he receives a mysterious parcel, and at last Mr Magnolia can splash in the puddles with everyone else!

Mister Magnolia Details

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Abid says

I read this during circle time with my years 2 class just recently. They were all fascinated by the vivid images and funny set of events. "Poor Mister Magnolia only has one boot"... This book's structure is of a loopy and engaging rhyme. Mister Magnolia although a simple text, manages to include some more complex words that are made accessible by the colourful and active illustrations. The book provides brilliant opportunities to extend learning through questioning and could be useful for speech and language activities as it ignites imagination and discussion.

Anna says

MJ Nicholls grew up hating this book. That's good enough for me.

Kerry says

This book has a rhyming pattern throughout with each sentence only being a few lines long – this will make it easy for children to read in particular early years, KS1.

The book itself centres on Mr. Magnolia who has only one boot. We are introduced to all the thing's Mr. Magnolia does whilst wearing only one boot – he goes swimming; visit's his friends, juggles fruit! Towards the end of the book the pictures show us a little girl who has a present from Mr. Magnolia – you've guessed it, it is a new boot!

The book itself is well illustrated with the pictures dominating the bulk of the page. The illustrations themselves tell a story which is why I think this book is more aimed towards 3-5year olds; however it is an enjoyable read which can be appreciated by all age ranges.

Maggie Hesseling says

I love the illustrations of Quentin Blake and this book is one of his finest. The rhyming is done cleverly and with repetition, which is fantastic when it comes to little children. However, story wise it leaves a little to be desired. We pretty much learn that he does a lot of fun things without a boot. And he's still 'poor' because of it. Then when he finally gets the boot, he goes to bed?

Not my favourite with regard to story, but the illustrations will keep you coming back again and again.

Rahime says

I've just read Mr Magnolia by Quentin Blake to my two daughters at bedtime. They loved the rhyming of the story and by the third page managed to even join in with the rhyming..

Quite briefly, Mr Magnolia is the story of a lovely man who has a lot going on for him in life- he has a trumpet, two lovely sisters, a pond with frogs, parakeets, some very fat owls, lots of friends, a chute and a dinosaur, but Mr Magnolia has just one boot all throughout the book. It seems really unfair that such a nice person as him has just one boot and cannot even go outside on a rainy day. When he eventually finds a new second boot at the end of the book you can't help but be genuinely happy for him.

The book can be read at circle time as early as Foundation stage. It can be very useful in teaching and revising the long vowel digraph oo, because it is repeated frequently and spelled in many different ways throughout the story.

I loved the story because it promotes positive attitude to life, demonstrated by Mr Magnolia who may be with just one boot but still enjoys life.

Andy Verschoyle says

Poetry and story and opportunity for discussing what else is in the brilliant pictures. Can be read fast or slow. Has warmth and emotion. Happiness and just a little sadness with excitement at the end.
for 5 year olds

Rhian Loxley says

"Poor Mister Magnolia only has one boot"... This book is a loopy and engaging rhyme. Mister Magnolia has a simple structure and principle but manages to include some more complex words that are made accessible by the colourful and active illustrations. I think that this would be a perfect book for years one and two as it would provide excellent opportunities to extend learning through questioning and would be great for speech and language activities, as it would really spark imagination and discussion.

Benja says

Mr. Magnolia has only one boot, but Blake without Dahl isn't much of a hoot.

Willow says

This is a funny book with beautiful illustrations! It is full of happy nonsense and I liked it a lot.

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I don't get this all like how do you even read the book

Heather Hill says

This book is a about Amazon that did not let me read the book

Laura Hayes says

Mr Magnolia is a wonderful rhyming story about the marvellous Mr Magnolia who has a trumpet, two lovely sisters, a pond, some owls and a dinosaur. This already creates the image that he is not normal to have a dinosaur in his house. The one of my favourite things is that he only wears one boot. This always makes the children laugh. Then one day a mysterious parcel arrives. Key Stage one children love the energy and the humour of this boot. The book is best read aloud and appealing colourful illustrations include lots of details that children love to pick out when the story is being read.

Rebecca says

Just beautiful and joyous. The owls alone are worth the price of the book.

Zelal says

Mister Magnolia by Quentin Blake

This book is about a man who goes about his daily business, but he only has one boot.

I love reading this book with my children for the simplicity of the story - he is a happy person doing things with his friends, such as playing the trumpet and taking his friends out for a scooter. The illustrations really bring the book to life. We spend just as long reading the book as looking at the detail in the pictures, for example the expression on the face of the woman in 'Just look at the way he juggles with fruit!'

The story builds to a wonderful finale when Mister magnolia receives a package with a (mismatch) boot, but it doesn't matter to him, he now has two boots!

I have only read this to/with my children, but because of the message, it could be used to demonstrate how happy Mister Magnolia is, even though he only has one boot. It could also be read to class as then the children could be asked questions around him still being happy with only one boot.

Emma Hamilton says

KS1- Year 1/2

English: Mr Magnolia has lots of medals. Where might he have got these from? Make a new rhyme about Mr Magnolia. Find all the adjectives in the book.

Maths: Count the animals that can be found in the story. Can you sort them into different groups using Venn diagrams?

Science: Think about the pond habitat in Mr Magnolia's garden. What other creatures might live there? Can you plan an investigation to find the best surface for scooting/sliding on? Which has the most/least friction?

Art: Design a new boot for Mr Magnolia.

Geography: Look at the flags in one of the illustrations. Can you find out what/where they represent?

Physical Education: Can you learn to juggle like Mr Magnolia?

PSHE: Look at Mr Magnolia's body language within each illustration. What does this tell you about how he is feeling at each point?
