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The Big Bad Wolf is fed up with blowing down the Three Little Pigs' houses. So off he goes in search of a new fairy tale to be in! Wearing the ball gown in Cinderella didn't work because "wolves don't wear dresses!," climbing up the beanstalk and seeing the giant's huge feet scared the wolf, and "yuck" getting kissed by the prince in Sleeping Beauty is not for the wolf at all! As the wolf runs from page to page the whole book of fairy tales becomes a great mixed-up mess! Children will enjoy spotting all of their favorite characters in this hilarious twisted-fairy tale adventure!

The Great Fairy Tale Disaster Details

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Alexandra Hunter says

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Wolf goes from 3 little pigs as he's bored in to different fairy tales across the pages such as Cinderella when fairy godmother makes him ready for the ball and decides he's infact best off in the 3 little pigs.

Gives an overview of classic children's fairy stories, excellent introduction to all.

Could lead to reading the others in full, art project, story telling, oral traditions, longevity, characterisation.

Destiny says

I love this book! It tells all the familiar stories in a new light. It is silly and illustrates a common struggle than we have as humans. We always think that the grass will be greener on the other side. We think everyone has it easier and better than we wish we could trade places. The wolf gets a chance to switch places only to realize that he actually had it pretty good and accepted his story. Kids will have a fun time reading and learning that things aren't always what they seem. We can be happy in our own situation.

Zoe Hickey says

Loved this book as it interlinks lots of the best-loved fairy tales! Very simplistic and quick read but also very enjoyable as it takes you by surprise!

Emily says

Wolf, tired of his own fairy tale, goes off in search of another fun story... but doesn't have any luck. His transitions between tales are abrupt, and the humorous reactions to finding out his role in the new stories attempt to make up for that. Of course, at the end Wolf retreats to his own story, only to land in a pot of hot water, as usual. Will be fun for kids who have just learned their fairy tales.

The fun, chaotic illustrations are reminiscent of Lane Smith and are definitely grabbing.

Tami Young says

The Great Fairytale Disaster is a story about a bored wolf from Three Little Pigs. He decided he is going to try and find excitement in another fairytale. He tries to find something new and exciting in the other fairytales, only to make his way back to The Three Little Pigs. The concept of the story is so cute and the story is great, until the end. The ending was a disappointment for me. There was a huge build up with funny stories and then nothing. The wolf falls into hot water. The end. I felt the ending was rushed. I still believe

children with a knowledge of all the fairytales would find the humor in this book. It's a great book, but fell a little flat for me. I did enjoy the fun text in the story and the illustrations. The pictures went nicely with the story, until the last few pages when things started to get confusing. This book would be best suited for older elementary students, although I think the younger one would find humor in it, they would get confused in the end.

Barbara says

The wolf is just plain tired of falling into hot water at the 3 little pigs' house so he decided to search for a new fairy tale to inhabit for a change. Little does he know disaster lurks in the turn of a page. Kids 4 - 7 who are familiar with fairy tales will enjoy the humorous situations that occur when the wolf is out of place in the book *The Great Fairy Tale Disaster* by David Conway. This would be a great addition to a school unit on comparing and contrasting fairy tales.

Sara Bland says

The illustrations are unique but they do not give the best representation of the stories they are trying to portray. This book is written for slightly experienced young readers both for the content and the level of writing. One would have already had to understand what all of these fairy tales are in order to get any meaning from the book. The wolf kind of bobs around through all of the fairy tales and eventually ends up right where he started. He decides that he doesn't like any of the other fairy tales, sort of a, "the grass isn't always greener," tale. It is sweet and kind of cute, but not the most attention-grabbing.

Rachel says

I didn't really like this book. It was incredibly colourful and it incorporated many familiar fairy tales. However, because there were so many tales, I found there wasn't much of a story line and it jumped around too much.

Terry says

My daughter (4) loves fairy tales so she liked seeing all of her favorites in this one story. This book was "okay." I'm glad I read it but felt like they skipped through the fairy tales too fast. I would have liked for them to have spent a little longer on each fairy tale and done fewer of them.

Pros: Kids who *know* fairy tales will laugh through the wolf's attempts to try on different stories.

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Lauren Schlueter says

I used this book under the fairytale category. This fairytale book is one that takes on a different perspective of typical fairytale and mashes a bunch of them together in one book. The big, bad wolf is tired of the story with the three little pigs so he decides to venture out into other fairytales and be a character there. One reason why I think many students will love this book is because it has all the different fairytales inside this one picture book. The other reason why children will love this book is because of the amazing illustrations full of color on every single page. This book is something that students will find comical and teachers can make it more fun for both parties by creating different voices for each character.

Marathon County Public Library says

The Big Bad Wolf has had enough of his fairy tale, "The Three Little Pigs." He decides to go on a journey to find a nice, relaxing story to be a part of. He finds Cinderella, Rupunzel, Hansel and Gretel, and a whole cast of other fairy tale creatures. Will he find a new tale to be a part of? Or will all of the fairy tales get mixed up, ending in disaster? Along with the fun and crazy story line, Melanie Williamson's illustrations are captivating. This book is great for kindergarteners and grade schoolers and will keep children wondering which fairy tale characters and plotlines will appear next.

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Kristi Bernard says

Who doesn't love a great fairy tale adventure? The Great Fairy Tale Disaster has all the old favorites like the Three Little Pigs, Cinderella, jack and the Bean Stalk and even Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The Big Bad Wolf is tired of all the repeated shenanigans of the Three Little Pigs. In order to make a change he decides to visit some of the other fairy tales for a change of pace. Cinderella's Fairy God Mother tries to send him to the ball in a dress and glass slippers. Of course, that doesn't go over very well. Next up, he's afraid of the giant on the beanstalk. He isn't taking any kisses from the prince in Sleeping Beauty. Things start to get hairy for the Big Bad Wolf when he eats the porridge of The Three Bears.

David Conway's creativity has generated a hilarious read for any young book lover. Cheerful illustrations and zany acts by the characters will engage young readers of all ages. Revisiting these classic tales open up a young child's imagination to the possibility of creating their own fun endings.

Ella says

Beautifully illustrated book involving many characters from a range of fairytales. A more engaging and

funny book for older children who know the more traditional fairy tales well.

The big bad wolf decides to try and find a more relaxing fairy tale to be in but ends up not enjoying any of them for various reasons and goes back to his own story.

Fjóla says

I really only thought it was okay, and it's painfully lacking any originality or wittiness, but I did enjoy the pictures and it still does have its place as a spin on fractured fairy tales. So, in all fairness, if its weakness lies in the fact there's nothing really funny or clever here, it's also a strength because this makes it quite appropriate for any toddler/preschooler too. I was slightly more charmed by its sister book: The Great Nursery Rhyme Disaster, although that one suffered the exact same issues ...

Kaitlin Niedert says

This book is a spin off from the three little pigs, but in this story the wolf thinks he wants to be in a different fairy tale. After going into many other fairytales and realizing that wasn't where he belonged he decided to go back to the three little pigs. He realized that is where he fit in best and went back to his old ways. This book would be a great book for mid elementary students.
