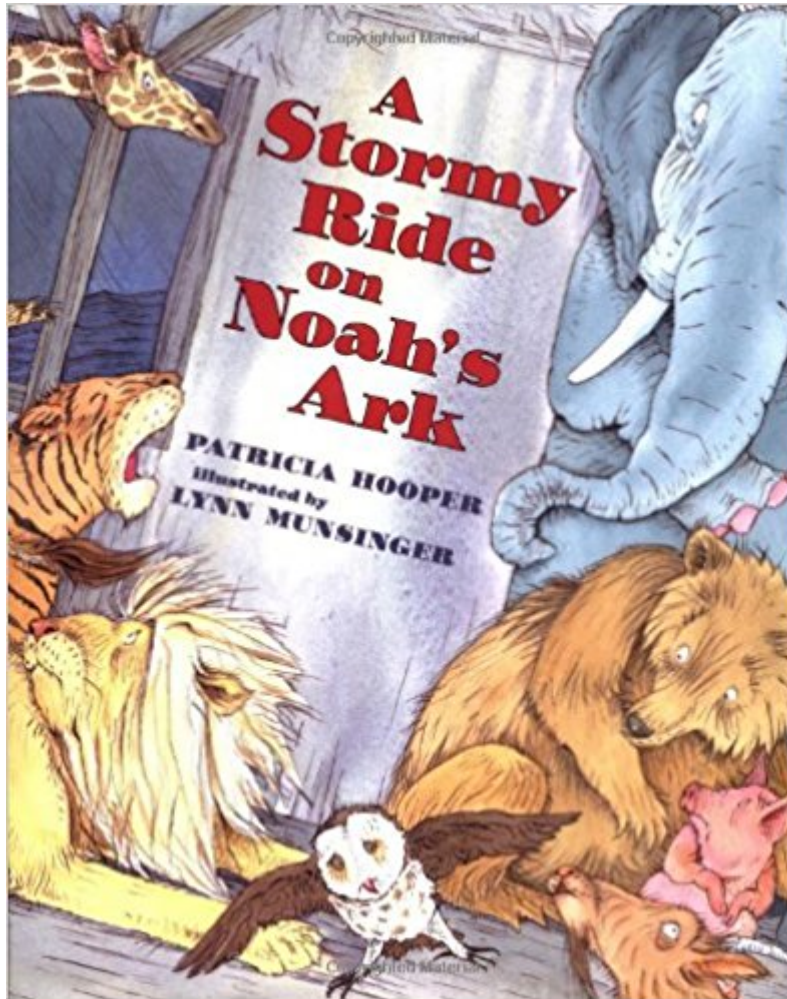




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A Stormy Ride On Noah's Ark



Synopsis

Did you ever wonder how the animals in Noah's ark got along? With such a menagerie on board, there are flashing teeth and glowing eyes, creeping creatures with claws and wings! "Who can sleep?" says the goat. "No goat can sleep if he must share a ship with panther, tiger, and bear!" The rabbit agrees, and so do the wren and rat. "None of us will sleep a wink!" But when the howling wind begins to blast, the big creatures with sharp teeth and claws are terrified. It takes the meekest creatures of all-the sparrow, mouse and spider-to comfort the mightiest. Hilarious pictures combine with elegant verse to tell a Noah's ark tale like you've never heard before.

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Customer Reviews

Told in rhyming verse, the fantasy-tinged *A Stormy Ride on Noah's Ark* by Patricia Hooper, illus. by Lynn Munsinger, introduces the animal passengers as a cramped, cranky bunch ready to let their instincts kick in even if it means making a meal of a fellow traveler or two. Munsinger (the Tacky the Penguin books), a master at creating memorable anthropomorphic animal characters, seems less at home rendering the slightly more realistic and mean-looking figures here. That said, her watercolor compositions add flashes of humor and drama not conveyed in the text. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

reS-Gr 3-Although many Noah's Ark books include a picture or two of shipboard life, Hooper

concentrates on that aspect of the tale. As night approaches, the small animals worry that they will become meals for the carnivores. But the intensity of the storm quickly subdues even lions and leopards, who long for dry land. Then the smallest creatures of all-sparrow, mouse, and spider-share their gifts of music, stories, and dreams to calm the frightened passengers. Night passes harmoniously. The rhyming text flows smoothly, producing a soothing cadence that reinforces the main ideas. Munsinger's wolves and bears look fierce without being too menacing. In fact, the book could be used to set a bedtime mood. Warren Ludwig's *Old Noah's Elephants* (Putnam, 1991; o.p.), recounting how Noah solves a crisis onboard, has a humorous tone. Neil Philip's *Noah and the Devil* (Clarion, 2001) and Arielle Olson's *Noah's Cats and the Devil's Fire* (Orchard, 1992; o.p.) offer variants of a story about more serious threats at sea. Hooper provides another perspective, a difficult task when a story is as familiar as this one. Kathy Piehl, Minnesota State University, Mankato

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I happened upon this incredible book and feel, considering what we are all going through after September 11, there could not be a more poignant take on the story of Noah's ark. Do we ever talk about how all those animals got along when we recount this classic tale to our children? This gem gives in refreshing verse one possible scenario and provides comfort and inspiration for parents also. This book should be winning awards!

Patricia Hooper's *A Stormy Ride On Noah's Ark* is a recommended pick for any searching for a different picturebook option for holiday reading. How did the animals in Noah's ark get along during the long voyage? This tells of the animals who face sharing under tight conditions - and a hilarious rollicking rhyme reinforces the events.

The book is immediately contrary to the Biblical account with its first sentence: "When Noah heard the rains begin He built an ark..." The Bible says Noah and crew began boarding the ark 7 days before the waters came. With the author's alteration, she removes one of the key aspects of the Flood account, ie, Noah's obedience to the radical revelation from God.

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