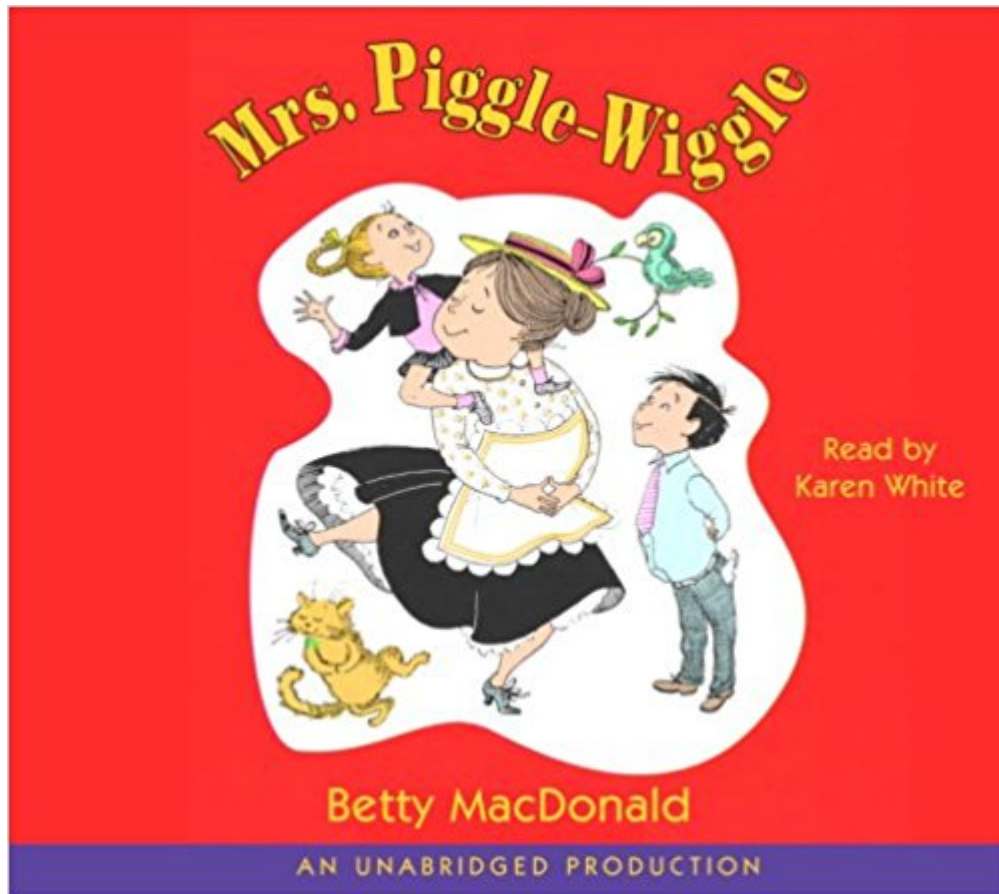




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Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle



Synopsis

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle lives in an upside-down house and smells like cookies. She was even married to a pirate once. Most of all, she knows everything about children. She can cure them of any ailment. Patsy hates baths. Hubert never puts anything away. Allen eats v-e-r-y slowly. Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle has a treatment for all of them.

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Customer Reviews

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle has been wildly popular with children and adults for over 50 years. Children adore her because she understands them--and because her upside-down house is always filled with the smell of freshly baked cookies, and her backyard with buried treasure. Grownups love her because her magical common sense solutions to children's problems succeed when their own cajoling and yelling don't. For the child who refuses to bathe, Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle recommends letting her be. Wait until the dirt on her body has accumulated to half an inch, then scatter radish seeds on her arms and head. When the plants start sprouting, the nonbather is guaranteed to change her mind about that bath. Hilary Knight's (Eloise, Sunday Morning) delightful pictures provide lively, droll accompaniment to Betty MacDonald's refreshing stories. Whether Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle is curing Answer-Backers or Slow-Eater-Tiny-Bite-Takers, her remedies always work like a charm. More than one parent over the years has surreptitiously turned to Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle when Dr. Spock failed to come through. (Ages 8 to 12) --Emilie Coulter --This text refers to an out of

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Kindergarten-Grade 3-Children will love this recording of the classic written by Betty MacDonald (HarperCollins, 1957) and read by Karen White. Youngsters are still fascinated with the idea of Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle who says that the hump on her back is full of magic. The house she shares with her dog, Wag, and cat, Lightfoot, is built upside-down except for the kitchen, bath, and stairs. Her past, which is somewhat mysterious, includes a pirate husband who supposedly buried treasure in the backyard. Unlike most parents, Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle understands exactly what children like to do to entertain themselves. The funny names and exaggerated situations add to the fun. In addition to providing a childhood wonderland in her home, Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle has a storehouse of "cures" for common childhood diseases including the Won't-Pick-Up-Toys cure, the Answer-Backer cure, the Never-Want-to-Go-to-Bedders cure, the Slow-Eater-Tiny-Bite-Taker cure, and several others. White perfectly captures the whiny voices of the children as well as the desperation of the parents. The portrayal of the parents in the stereotypes typical of the 1950's fits into the whole fantasy of Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle's world. This recording will find a large audience in public library children's collections and elementary school libraries. Maureen Cash Moffet, St. Anne's Catholic School Library, Bristol, VA Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Cross-posted on Tween Book Blog Why I picked it up: I loved this books as an elementary school student and they are still some of my favorite stories to read to myself or aloud. Why I finished it: This short chapter book has been charming both children and adults for over sixty years. They are silly, fun, imaginative, and relatable for readers of all ages. How many of us didn't like picking up our toys, or talked back, or fought with our siblings, or knew of someone who did. The cures themselves are perhaps a little over the top in some cases, but they have become just as well known as the woman who 'prescribes' them. Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle and the children she helps are somewhat inspiring, encouraging the reader to think outside the box to solve problems. Now, I probably wouldn't go as far as to plant radishes on a child that doesn't bathe, but the point is that there is more than one angle with which we can address issues. It teaches us a lesson about the way we act toward each other and how we interact with the world at large. They're classic stories that are well-loved by generations and will continue to entertain both children and adults for many more years to come.

The picture of this item is wrong. You will not get Mrs Piggle Wiggle's Farm. The book I received was Mrs. Piggle Wiggle. The books themselves deserve 5 stars but this listing is an error.

Honestly, with cures like "whisper sticks" for whispering and "show-off powder" for the corresponding symptoms, this book is hard to beat. It's fun as a parent to read to my little person and he/she (6) loves to read it to him/herself. Understand that there may be some objections from parents regarding the conveyed parental methodology but the magic involved with symptom curing is super fun- and funny!

This is a family favorite. I think it is better for reading out than as a chapter book, because reading it out loud together lets the parents in on the fun. Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle uses reverse psychology to change children's bad habits. Of course the situations are exaggerated, but they are funny and the children in the book are encouraged to be pleasant, responsive, responsible people. The parents are funny, too -- the dads are absorbed in work and leisure pursuits, the moms hyperventilate and call one another about their little ones' character flaws. But Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle, who wants everyone to be their best, has clever solutions. My kids related the best to the Selfishness Cure -- they could really imagine locking all their things away in a hoard. In the end, they "got it" that selfishness is wrong, even though it took quite a bit of ridicule and very obvious peer pressure to change the character of the child in the story. At the end of every chapter, it's almost a teachable moment for me to share why I'm so proud of my children -- for example, what they have willingly and cheerfully done, and why that makes me so proud. It sinks in very deeply after we have all been laughing together and enjoying one another. I would give it four-and-a-half stars, but that's not an option. I'd hold half a star back because it is so OBVIOUS... but who am I kidding? I am raising Children of Oblivion, who wander around with garments inside-out or backwards half the time. If it isn't OBVIOUS, they are going to miss it. I'm going to go looking for a Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle that addresses tattling and interrupting. There are four or five books in the series -- I'll be putting them on my wish list.

This book is great. If you ever have a problem with your child's behavior, Mrs. Piggle Wiggle is the one to call. Her outrageous solutions to common child behavior ailments seem to work well. In most cases she recommends letting the child wallow in his or her own awful behavior until rock bottom is reached. Only then is the child aware of the real-life consequences for bad behavior. A perfect book for teaching personal responsibility. Not to mention it's filled with fun names like Mrs. Moohead, Mrs.

Broomrack, and Mrs. Crankminor. My only complaint is Mrs. Piggie-Wiggle herself is present for only a very small percentage of the book, and the book ends without even going back to her. I was thinking (and hoping) she'd be on every page. This goes to show you, Mrs. Piggie-Wiggle, who loves kids more than anybody, still lets them bring on their own suffering when it comes to correcting a major attitude problem. If a kid doesn't want to eat...shoot, let the kid starve. If the kid doesn't want to pick up toys, then let the kid get trapped in clutter. Show kids what it's like to have to clean up their own mess instead of cleaning up their mess for them all the time. (This doesn't apply to diaper changes of course.) In addition to the elaborate Piggie-Wiggle cures, the kids in the book get a spanking from their parents every now and then, especially after playing around with the laundry chute. Sorry kids, can't do that.

Delightful book! Exactly as I remember it from my childhood. Such excellent morals and messages to teach little ones to have a positive attitude.

I was read this book in 2nd grade, aND now my stepson is in 2nd grade and I wanted this book so bad. Was not disappointed. It was as good now as it was when I was 7. And my stepson is loving every chapter. He thinks it is just SO cool! I would absolutely recommend this to anyone with school age children. Great stories for manners and behaviors. It's a little dated, given it was written so long ago, so we've had to stop and explain a few things along the way so he could keep up with what was going on in the story.

Bought this book for my 8 year old daughter and she really enjoys it. It is about the right reading level for her and it holds her attention well. Story line is cute and each chapter has great morals/lessons. What I like about this book is she can read a chapter without me and I can jump back in and not feel like I missed anything or need to be filled in. Each chapter is a separate story and doesn't tie into the next.

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