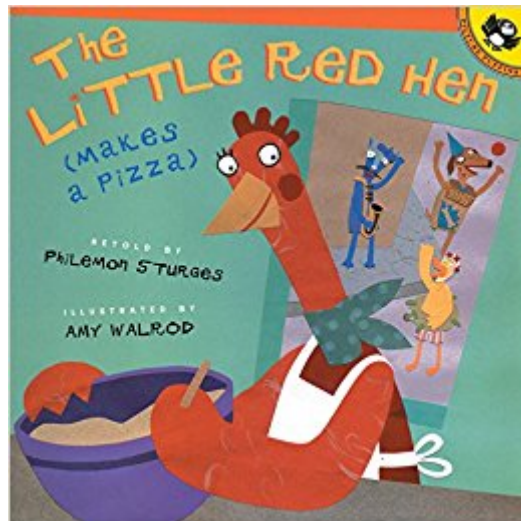




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# The Little Red Hen (Makes A Pizza)



## Synopsis

The story of the industrious Little Red Hen is not a new one, but when this particular hen spies a can of tomato sauce in her cupboard and decides to make a pizza, the familiar tale takes on a fresh new twist. Kids will love following along as the hen, with no help from her friends the duck, the dog, and the cat, goes through the steps of making a pizza-shopping for supplies, making the dough, and adding the toppings. But despite their initial resistance, the hen's friends come through in the end and help out in a refreshing and surprising way.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

"This retelling of The Little Red Hen exudes charm, thanks to conversational narration and delightful cut paper images," wrote PW in a starred review. Ages 3-7. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Kindergarten-Grade 3-A funky rendition of the classic tale. Hen, having decided to make a pizza, discovers that she lacks certain necessities, such as a proper pan. "'Cluck,' she said. 'I need a pizza pan.'" When she asks her neighbors to help her out, she gets the expected response: "Not I,"

said the duck donning her swim cap and tube. "Not I," said the dog wearing a box of dog biscuits and a party hat. "Not I," said the hep blue cat playing the saxophone. So off the Little Red Hen goes to the store to buy the things she needs-along with others she surely does not need, such as a guide to sink installation. When she finally gets her pizza made, the three unaccommodating friends change their tune. The plot takes two nifty twists at the end-and this Little Red Hen is not quite as punitive as in the original story. There's a keen sense of the absurd here, and the hilarious cut-paper illustrations are right in tune with the zany plot. This version can be pored over again and again as much can escape the eye the first time around. It is aimed at an older audience than Alan Garner's *The Little Red Hen* (DK Ink, 1997). Children who appreciate the humor of Jon Scieszka's *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* (Viking, 1989) will fall under this book's spell as well. Destined to be quite the crowd pleaser. Anne Chapman Callaghan, Racine Public Library, WI  
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It was a cute take on the classic story and had a slightly different ending, which my students weren't necessarily expecting. But I liked the ending as a good example to my students of kindness, sharing, and then still pitching in to help when someone shares and is kind to you. The students also enjoyed the silly little elements added, like the can of worms on the shelf or the extras that the Little Red Hen would buy.

This is an absolutely HILARIOUS book. Especially when you read it with the character voices.

I love this book, our PK3 children love it. very interactive.

Book was given to Church preschool!

This book is a fun twist on the classic story of the Little Red Hen who bakes bread. Children enjoy this updated version and it's great for teaching them to compare and contrast. After reading, children often like to create their own Little Red Hen stories.

I was shocked to find that the important life lesson in this classic children's tale had been distorted in this revised story. Instead of not participating in the fruits of the hen's labor, in this version the slackers who refused to help get to eat the hen's pizza anyway. Then in an apparent epiphany they do agree to clean up. Since young children enjoy hearing stories repeatedly, I purchased this book

this book at the same time I ordered the classic version so my grandchildren could read two slightly different versions. After reading this revisionist version I threw it away. The classic version is the life lesson I want my grandchildren to learn and is the only version I gave them. The illustrations and physical book were fine. It is the revised message I object to and is the reason I threw the book away and do not recommend it to others.

Hilarious book - keeps both reader and listener amused! Brilliant!

Yes, this is a take on a classic story with a twist. I have taught preschool for 36 years and I really do not agree with the people that posted that they did not like the lesson that was taught. I think that the fact that the Little Red Hen shared her pizza even though her friends didn't help showed them that she had compassion on them just because she was their friend. We (and her friends) weren't expecting that. In the end they helped her clean up which makes everybody happy. This shows children that we can help our friends and not expect anything in return. Sometimes we can do nice things for others just because it makes us feel good. When I read it to my preschoolers, they loved it when she shared and when the friends helped her in the end. What lesson would have been taught if she would have told them no, you don't get any and then she cleaned it all up herself? I like this version much better as an alternate to the original.

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