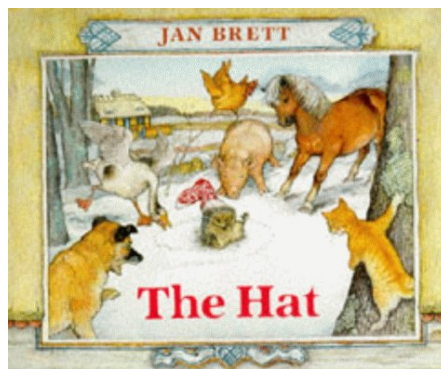




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In Jan Brett's well-loved book, *The Hat*, Hedgie the hedgehog discovers the wisdom of the adage "Don't go poking your nose where it doesn't belong" only after curiosity gets this prickly fellow in a pickle. When Lisa's red-and-white woolen stocking blows off the clothesline, Hedgie finds it and sticks his nose inside, only to discover his prickles prevent him from pulling out of it. Soon all the farm animals are coming around to chuckle at silly Hedgie's stocking cap. But in the end, nimble-witted Hedgie gets the last laugh.

Now young fans of this glorious Scandinavian picture book can curl up with the illustrious Hedgie, himself! This fluffy 5-inch fellow, with long, lush, decidedly *unprickly* fur, sports the very sock--uh, hat--that got him in trouble. A soft body and cheerful smile guarantee many friends for this huggable guy. Packaged with the only available board book version of the award-winning *The Hat*, this delightful book and sweet plush toy set make a perfect gift any time of year! (Ages 3 to 8) --*Emilie Coulter*

The Hat Details

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Sarah Sammis says

The Hat is a cute story about embarrassment, friendship and popularity. As with Bringing Down the Moon, the main characters are animals. In this one the protagonist is a hedgehog who wants nothing more than to get a stocking off his back before all his friends think he's stupid for wearing such a ridiculous "hat."

Meanwhile, all his friends, having seen his hat on such a cold winter's day see the wisdom of keeping warm and decide to pinch clothing from the woman's laundry line where she had hung her winter woolens to air out. One by one the woman loses her clothing set out to dry: the other stocking, a pair of gloves, a cap, a waistcoat, a sweater and a scarf.

I liked this book because it reminded me of Sean and his friends. Sean will take things he's learned at home and teach his friends and then everyone else is soon doing what he has been doing. Or he'll come home having learned something from his friends. This book captures how children creature their own culture at school perfectly.

Janice says

Little girl takes her woolen clothes out of storage and puts them on a clothesline to air out for the winter. One of the pieces gets blown away and discovered by a curious hedgehog. He accidentally winds up wearing it. The other animals tease him, but he wears it so proudly that once the little girl catches up to him and takes it back that she now has to chase down the rest of her wardrobe on other farm animals.

The drawings are beautiful. The borders add to the story. It is just a playful romp that children will enjoy again and again as they discover new things in each drawing.

Caitlyn Hanley says

Brett does a wonderful job illustrating literary devices throughout the book. This book is notable because of the devices used, as well as the curiosity that the hedgehog has. The hedgehog started a trend and others followed, and it can easily be compared to uniqueness and the differences each student in the class will have.

Brittany Smith says

This is one of the books I remember from my childhood. My mom really liked Jan Brett so I think we owned most of her picture books. The version I read recently was the board book version. I know sometimes that board books are shortened versions of the originals, but I couldn't tell if this one was shortened or not. The story felt complete.

As always Jan Brett has great illustrations and cute stories! This is a great story about trends and how silly they can be.

See my full review at PerfectlyTolerable.com

Victoria Simpson says

The Hat, by Jan Brett is an all time classic children's book. Jan Brett is an author and illustrator who is known for her colorful and detailed drawings and wide variety of animals and cultures. You will see many of these characteristics in the book, The Hat. Hedgie the hedgehog is the main character throughout this story. He is a curious and sneaky little fellow who accidentally gets a sock stuck on his head. When all of Hedgie's friends see him out, they begin to make fun of him for his "hat". The rest of the story is very fun and teaches a good lesson. As a teacher, I would read this book to my class because it is laid back, and classic. Another cool thing about Jan Brett is that some of her books go along with each other. For example, Hedgie does not only appear to be the main character in The Hat. Jan Brett has written about Hedgie the Hedgehog in many of her other books. This would be a cool way to get students interested in reading, and they can compare and contrast these books. There are many more lessons that go along with this book as well.

Abby Bauernfeind says

Hedgie ends up with a new "hat," only to be ridiculed by the other animals. His adventure in his new hat results in him being ashamed that he cannot take it off. Only when he is being chased by Lisa, do the other animals follow along in wearing her clothes and Hedgie gets the final say in telling them how ridiculous they all look. The book evokes a chuckle, but also calls on the reader to think about how to treat others who have their own unique sense of style. The book does a great job on focusing how to embrace who you are, no matter what others say about you. The work of Jan Brett, provides details that bring to life the journey of Hedgie. Her illustrations bring the reader into the story and invite engagement in the journey.

Donna says

Hedgie gets stuck in a hat that blew off the clothesline. All the other animal tell him that animals don't wear clothes. That is until.....

One of my favorite Jan Brett picture books. A favorite too for my grandson.

Laura says

My two year old has renamed this book, The Sock. This makes a fun read aloud for young children. You are given plenty of opportunities to read using various voices and also make familiar animal sounds found on a farm.

Amanda J says

This is a really nice board book. The colors are a little muted but the illustrations are beautiful and very detailed. The story is a lot of fun and perfect for the winter season.

Taylor Volker says

The Hat which is common from The Mitten has a porcupine, Hedgie, who gets a hat stuck on it's head when it falls from the clothesline. Other animals on the farm laughs at Hedgie when he pretends to be wearing a new hat but in reality, he can't get it off his spikes. Lisa, the girl in the story, realizes her stocking is missing and goes and looks for it. At the end of the story all the other animals have a piece of clothing from the clothesline and Hedgie gets the last laugh. Children love this story especially after reading The Mitten. Children can learn about the authors Scandinavian background.

Alyssa Hunt says

This book is very well written and illustrated. Jan writes a really cute & whimsical story about a hedgehog who happens across a hat and uses it to keep warm. The story is so well written that when the other characters begin to make fun of him you feel upset. The preview of what is going to happen on the next page just adds that much more to the story. I would definitely recommend this story to all ages.

Mattie Troyer says

This book brings back such great memories! I remember watching the snow fall as a little girl and my mom reading this story to me. It was a tradition that on the first snowfall that she would read it to all us kids. I love Jan Brett and this book is by far my favorite of hers. I love how her illustrations flow and it gives you clues on one page about what is to come next. This story is about a cute little hedgehog that got a stocking stuck on his head. He wore it with pride as he walked around the farm, all the animals laughed and question him but he stood up for himself. Before you know it the little girl in the story removes the stocking from his head but finds all the other animals have her winter clothes on! They wanted to be warm, and protected like the hedgehog said he was. I like how the hedgehog took a not so great situation in his eyes and turned it around by finding the positives. It is a great children's winter read and recommend this book to anyone! you will no the disappointed!

Dianna says

My baby liked this book, being a fan of *The Mitten*. I thought it was very well done and I loved the pictures, of course, and all the fun details that Jan Brett adds. I wouldn't recommend the board book edition, though; it's too small and the animals are hard to see, especially for a baby.

Kate Sanders says

I read this book to a group of 2 year olds and they loved this book. They think it's hilarious that the hedgehog

uses a sock as a hat. They also like seeing all the animals in the pictures. Because this book is a board book it's very durable for the kids who play with it.

Ashley says

This book is great! The story is very cute! And the illustrations are a great tool for helping young children learn comprehension skills as the pictures in the margins allow young children to guess what happens next. This is great for interactive reading! My preschooler and I really enjoyed reading this together!

Heather Reed says

I've always loved this book since I was a child, it's just adorable.

The Brothers says

A hedgehog accidentally gets a woolen sock stuck on his head, much to the mirth of the farm yard animals. But he rebuts their teasing with the fact that he's preparing for a cold winter. They, one by one, dash off without a retort. Before he knows it, all the farm yard animals are wearing some sort of woolen clothing taken from the clothes line to prepare for winter.

Illustrations (as usual) as fantastic. Love how Brett uses the margin art to add to the storytelling.

Andrea L'Ecuyer says

The book is very great along with the illustrations. The pictures in the book allow students to learn how to comprehend the book when they are beginning to read on their own. This could also be a great read-aloud book.

Vivian says

Our two performers enjoyed sharing this book to pre-schoolers at library story time. One was the hedgehog and the other was all the other animals.

Here's a link if you'd like a hedgehog paperdoll: http://janbrett.com/costumes_main_cho...

Here's a link if you'd like to make a hedgehog hat:
http://janbrett.com/hedgie_hat_projec...

Here's a link if you'd like to print some hedgehog stickers:
http://janbrett.com/hedgie_stickers.htm

Here's a link to make a paper plate craft hedgehog:
http://janbrett.com/the_mitten_projec...

Sarah says

"THOSE FOOLS WILL TASTE MY REVENGE FOR THEIR INSOLENT," thought the Hedgehog, probably.
