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A funny, read-aloud farmyard tale that teaches colours and days of the week from award-winning illustrator Petr Horacek.

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The Greedy Goat Details

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Library says

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Strawberry says

This is such a funny book it really made me laugh aloud! 'The Greedy Goat' has such a simple story but it's so silly, kids will definitely enjoy reading it again and again. The paperback is wider but shorter than A4 in size and is filled with colourful images on thick glossy paper. The story is simple, Goat is greedy and having had enough grass she tries a variety of different foods, including typical goat things such as eating a shoe! I won't spoil the rest of the tale but it's very funny and there are some great images throughout.

The illustrations really make this story so funny. I do like Horá?ek's style, each picture looks like a combination of pencil, crayon and paint. Each illustration has a lot of humour in it especially when Goat starts to feel strange after eating so many odd foods. I don't think this book would be so funny if it wasn't for the images!

The ending is really great and has a funny twist on the last page that really made me laugh out loud! The story isn't just fun to read but at the same time kids will learn the days of the week as well as several colours and some animals. And the simple repetitive sentences make this even more enjoyable. I can't say a bad word about this book and love looking at it over and over again. I think adults will find it fun too. It's definitely a book I would have loved as a child and would recommend it to everyone, it's one of my favourites I've read this year!

-Thanks to Walker Books for a free copy.

kim says

solid but not too exciting

Isabel Smith says

What a fun tale! The poor little goat in this story does not know when enough is enough. She eats and eats and eats until she's sick as a dog. Then she goes through a pretty long recovery phase and everyone (including the farmer and his family) think she's learned her lesson. But has she??? Will Goat ever learn?

This would make a really good companion story to Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* in a storytime or puppet show setting. Children will roar with laughter as Goat gets into mischievous situations time and time again. I love that the author weaved both days of the week and various colors into *The Greedy Goat* in a simple, unobtrusive way. Bravo!

Janet says

This is a fun title told in a folktale style and there is no information within the book that it might be based on a folktale. That said this is a good read, written with humor. The illustrations are wonderful and the greedy goat takes center stage. This title is not to be missed, and Horace's is a favorite illustrator of mine.

Alyssa Gudenburr says

A super funny book about a goat who decided she wasn't eating grass anymore. So goat ate a whole bunch of items she wasn't supposed to and got sick. My favorite part was eating the farmer's underpants! A great and funny story for storytime.

Tracie says

A very hungry goat (kind of) learns an important lesson after making some very unwise but comical meal choices. Big print, brief text, and vibrant illustrations make this an engaging story for toddlers and preschoolers.

Whispering Stories says

One Saturday morning Goat decided that she'd had enough grass and herbs and wanted to try something new to eat. From the dog's food, to the farmer's pants, Goat ate everything she could find.

When she had finished eating she started to turn a funny colour, and began to feel very poorly. In fact, she was poorly all week, but did Goat learn her lesson?

The Greedy Goat is a wonderful children's story about a goat who doesn't care what she eats, as long as it's not grass or herbs.

The book is full of bright, colourful, full page illustrations that are simply stunning. They are very helpful for those that can't read yet to understand the story fully, without the need for words.

I can see this amusing story making young children giggle as they follow Goat's antics. A book that children will want to read over, and over again.

Reviewed by Stacey on www.whisperingstories.com

Alicia Evans says

I wanted to like this more than I did. It was funny and had a cute goat concept, but it just didn't connect with me the way that I wanted it to. Young readers will enjoy the color changing goat and the repetitive actions though.

For: fans of goats/farm animals; readers wanting a quick read.

Possible red flags: gluttonous goat activity and characters without important possessions like pants and shoes could be stressful for some readers.

Kris says

The Greedy Goat by Petr Horá?ek, is a vibrant, bright, fun story about a goat who decides that she is hungry. Horá?ek is able to make Goat come alive with his descriptives about her antics and with brightly coloured pictures. In the story Goat progressively eats items that no goat should consume and then spends a week recuperating. Petr Horá?ek helps young readers identify the days of the week along the way. The book is ideal for preschool to about six year old aged children. The Greedy Goat is a fun book to read with your kids and will likely become a favourite at bedtime.

Dierdre says

The Greedy Goat is fed up with just eating herbs and grass, so she decides to help herself to some other tasty morsels, such as the other animals' food, the farmer's underwear, etc. Of course, this does not sit well with her stomach, which leads us to learning colors and days of the week. I enjoyed the illustrations and think this would be a great book to share at story time, reminiscent of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Kids will get a laugh out of the things the goat eats and her recovery process.

Angela says

Simple, amusing story with colors and days of the week. Goat wants to try eating something new - she's tired of eating grass and herbs. But while things taste delicious it doesn't mean they're good for you.

Brooke says

This is the story of a goat that eats food and objects that don't belong to him. He gets sick for several days and turns many colors. Each page has only a small amount of text with large illustrations. Days of the week and colors are mentioned several times, and this book could be used to help teach them to children. It could be used in a storytime on colors, days of the week, goats, farms, animals, or food.

Jennifer says

Who owns just one pair of underpants? What does he do on laundry day?

Josie Miller says

I thought it was cute and the pictures were really captivating and simple.

Would you recommend it?

Ya i think it's a good book for little kids because it has bright pictures and gives a good message of not being greedy.

Is the storyline or is the art the greatest strength?

I think the art is better than the storyline because the storyline is something that has been used before.

Is it a picture book that could be used with older students to teach literary elements?

Ya I think this is a simple of a book that it could be helpful for introducing kids to identifying literary elements.
