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Smelly bunks! Attacking mosquitoes! Impossible arts and crafts, oh my! Bestselling team and authorities on all things seriously silly Alan Katz and David Catrow hike their hilarity out to summer camp to transform another set of familiar tunes into wildly funny songs for kids and counselors to croon. With song parodies such as “This Whole Bunk Is Very Cluttered” (to the tune of “The Battle Hymn of the Republic”), “Somebody Send Me Home Now!” (to the tune of “Skip to My Lou”), and “Trying Out for the Camp Show” (to the tune of “Take Me Out to the Ballgame”), this collection guarantees giggles will be packed in every camper’s care package!

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## **From Reader Review Mosquitoes Are Ruining My Summer!: And Other Silly Dilly Camp Songs for online ebook**

### **Kelly says**

It's another Alan Katz 'silly dilly' rhyming book. Katz takes popular children's songs and changes the words to fit the theme of the book. This theme is summer.

It's an okay book. As an adult, I did get a little bored with the songs. I tried to see them through the eyes of a child and I just couldn't see how a little one would appreciate the silliness.

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### **Debby Baumgartner says**

Alan Katz has written another poem book about camp to go along with childhood songs. \*\*\*

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### **Raina says**

Goofy silly reworkings of common tunes with wacky lyrics and Catrow's madcap illustrations. Took this out to the elementary schools to promote the summer reading program, and this didn't catch on as well as last year's musical selection, Sipping Spiders Through a Straw Campfire Songs for Monsters. But it's bright and colorful and cute and gross all at once. Fine for what it is.

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### **Dolly says**

This is a book of fun little camp-themed ditties that accompany the tunes to children's songs we all (should) know so well.

I did my best to sing these to the appropriate tune, but I succeeded with some more than others. Oh well, perhaps we can try to get ahold of an audio version and follow along with the book as the professionals sing.

Alan Katz and David Catrow have collaborated on several of these Silly Dilly Songs books and we have all enjoyed singing the songs together and giggling over the crazy illustrations. Mr. Catrow' style of illustrations is very distinctive and we've been a fan since we first read I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!.

The songs were fun and the illustrations are great. I can't say that my out-of-tune warbling did anything for the music, but I tried. It's a fun book to sing aloud and best for times when you're not trying to get the kiddos settled down and quiet.

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### **Alyson (Kid Lit Frenzy) says**

Katz has created a variety of camp songs set to familiar tunes. Each song is filled with camp humor and Catrow's illustrations take it up a notch.

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### **Cathy Blackler says**

I love creating song parodies; combining well-known tunes with lyrics appropriate to specific situations. Katz has done this masterfully with songs focusing on the summer camp experience. I found myself chuckling aloud as I sang tunes aloud. Quirky illustrations add to the humorous flavor of this summer time must read.

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### **Read Ribbet says**

My local bookseller and good friend Cindy Borgen brought this back from NYC signed by Alan Katz. Another great collection of song parodies about summer camp. Add it to your collection of his other books. Thanks Cindy!

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### **Edward Sullivan says**

Silly poems about summer camp to sing to familiar camp tunes. Zanily entertaining.

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### **Heather says**

another fun song book by alan katz

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### **Tam says**

My 9-year-old loves the songs/poems by Alan Katz. This time they are about a kids camp.

Example:

On the Bus Ride (sang to Yankee Doodle)  
"On the bus ride off to camp, alone with 50 strangers.  
Kids are crying. Seats are damp.  
Ahead . . . who knows what dangers?  
We stop off, pick up 10 more-  
all 60 misbehaving.  
Sitting with a kid who says  
he's 8 . . . and yet he's shaving!"

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### **Jacey says**

This is a book full of poems set to classic songs like "Yankee Doodle" and "Old McDonald Had a Farm." Each page is about a different part of camp that just is not going the way the kids expected. While it may focus on all the bad stuff that is happening, it is still hilarious and still shows how to make the best out of a bad situation!

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### **The Brothers says**

Dex (6yo) LOVES these silly dilly song books. (And I love David Catrow's illustrations). This offering of tunes is all about the joys (and miseries) of going to camp. A few of the old melodies I didn't know, so I just read instead of sang the songs and they still were very fun.

Illustrations are rockin'!

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### **Barbara says**

Fourteen verses center around going to camp, and the authors even provide the tunes to which the lines should be sung. I couldn't help but sing "Somebody Send Me Home Now!" for its hilarious send-up of camp food and camp cooks. I also shuddered as I read "The Laundry Blues" describing how one camper hasn't done his laundry in four weeks and now selects what he will wear by the smell. UGH! The watercolor, colored pencil, and ink illustrations for that song positively reek. The author and illustrator pay tribute to all the usual aspects of camp: waiting for a package, hanging out at the group campfire, going on a long hike, and forgetting to send a letter home. It's all wonderfully silly, but also great fun.

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