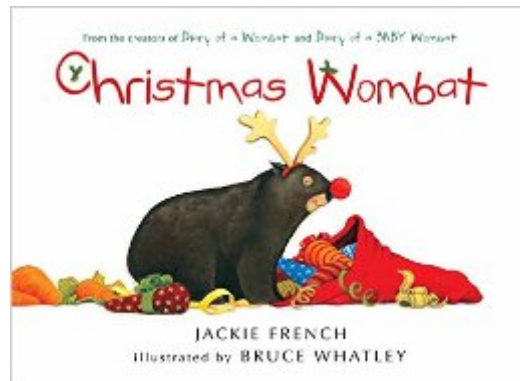


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# Christmas Wombat



## Synopsis

â œSlept. Scratched. Slept.â • Indeed, it seems like Christmas will be just another day for the wombat . . . until she smells carrots! In this charming picture book, the star of *Diary of a Wombat* goes head to head with Santaâ™s reindeer in competition for carrotsâ”and wins. Then, as an accidental stowaway on Santa’s sleigh, she learns that carrots are internationally available. No wonder she isn’t hungry for treats on Christmas morning! Engaging illustrations delightfully complement the spare text in this unique, wombatâ™s-eye view of a favorite holiday.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

I am very glad to say Mothball the wombat is back yet again and she is on a mission: Carrots. And quite by accident she has a fantastic adventure with Reindeer and other creatures. What she does with Christmas baubles elicited an unexpected bark of laughter from me. And her adventurous spirit delighted me and my kids. Some of her actions reminded me of a childrenâ™s TV show, â œBernardâ • â “ an animated, dialogue-free show about a polar bearâ™s adventures. Some of Mothballs expressions are so dead-pan, they crack me up. Bruce Whatley beautifully conveys the humour, battles, victories and adventures with his illustrations. What a delight! Everything about this story appealed to me and my kids This is the third book we have enjoyed in this series after â œDiary of a Wombatâ • and â œDiary of a BABY Wombatâ •. I could not resist this book as we are

all suddenly very interested in wombats. We are especially enjoying Jackie French's humour. And there is another book: "Wombat Goes to School." We're getting that one next.

I couldn't resist buying this book because I love both wombats and Christmas books. We have the other two Diary of a Wombat books already. This one is pretty cute! As usual, the illustrations are adorable and very appealing. There isn't that much of a story, though, and a lot of details in the book don't make much sense. It kind of seems like the story was thrown together very quickly. Regardless, I don't regret buying it and still think it's cute. This is a book I'll bring to work to read to the kids because I think the illustrations of the wombat partaking of carrots in all of the different places will appeal to them even if the story is kind of weak!

This delightful tale, one in a series about Wombat, involves Wombat's confusion about seeing those reindeer creatures. Wombat goes after the carrots children leave for them by stealing a ride in Santa's sled runners. Many teachable moments.

This time our imperterbably stubborn wombat takes a flight of fancy -- on the back of Santa's sleigh, where she settles in to nap after shoving the reindeer aside to get their carrots. She follows Santa down another chimney ("A wombat hole?") and after visiting several homes decides the "strange creatures" pulling the sleigh are useful for finding carrots. The gently ironic humor of the original books is continued here, and several jokes are repeated, enhancing the comic effect. French's text is again very spare, and the story is beautifully paced, with a satisfying conclusion. Since several jokes depend on their repetition from previous books, it'll be best appreciated by kids who have experienced the original Diary of a Wombat. And it's so clearly make-believe that it shouldn't matter whether the audience believes in Santa.

I don't know about teachable moments, but my kid loved this book. He made me read it over and over, and carried it around the house. He got Diary of a Wombat when he was a toddler, and apparently has a strong affection for this wombat series. When asked why he liked it so much, he said it was funny.

This little story definitely captures the feisty spirit of the wombat, and the illustrations are hilarious. My little wombat fans loved it, and we plan on collecting the other books in the series now.

This is a super fun book. I guess kids would like it, too, but I bought it as a present for an adult wombat aficionado and we had fun passing it around the entire household on Christmas day. Cute story, lots of quirky humor, fantastic illustrations, and a wombat! What's not to like?

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