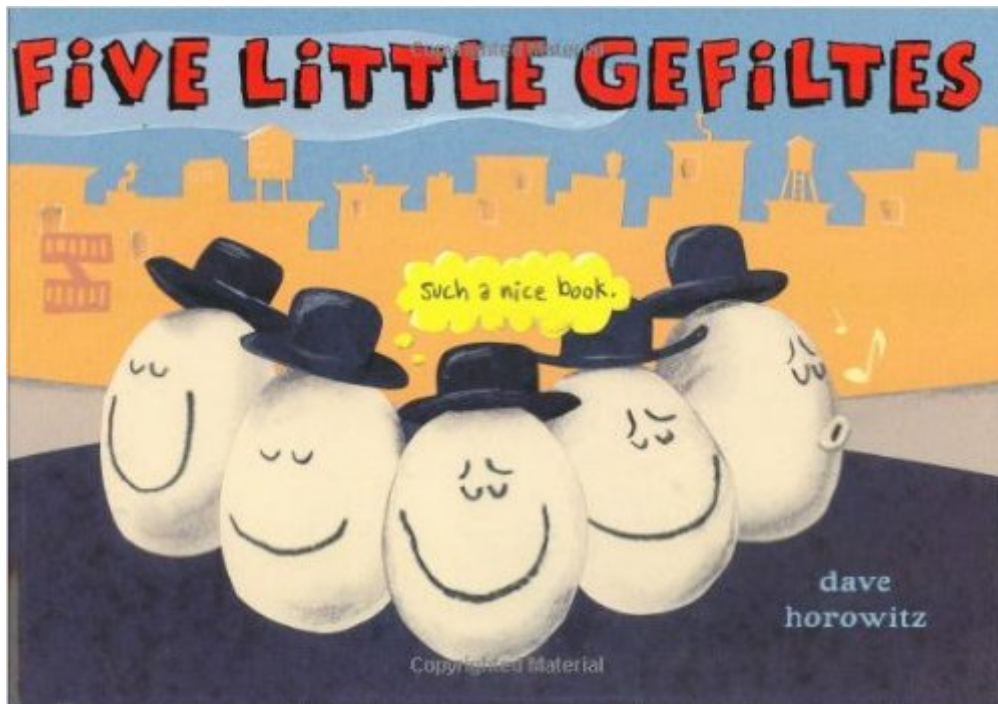


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# Five Little Gefiltes



## Synopsis

When five curious young gefilte fish have the chutzpah to sneak out of their jar and set off to explore the world, they are followed by a loud OY VEY!; Mama Gefilte isn't too happy to see her little ones leaving the nest. But she's taught them well, and at the end of their adventures, each one proves himself a mensch; making Mama one proud gefilte indeed. Dave Horowitz's playful rhyming tale, its illustrations packed with comic asides, will have readers giggling out loud and looking for opportunities to practice their Yiddish; with help from the handy glossary at the end of the book.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

As a nanny I've read hundreds of books with children and none compares to Five Little Gefiltes! It's a delight to have young children react with such joy and enthusiasm as I read to and with them. Nothing compares to the sound of a giddy child yelling "Oy vey!" Except maybe the sound of a child yelling "I'm gonna plotz!" It's become a favorite book of every child I've read it to. Such chutzpah this book has! ;)

This quirky kids book slaps every page with Yiddish and references to New York City Jewish life. Although it may feel like a throwback to the 1950s, we have found it very charming. More importantly, so has my toddler who has probably asked it to be read to him >100 times in 18

months.

I overheard an amused mom reading this aloud to her daughter and then, after they put it down, I grabbed it and bought it. We love reading it aloud and my kids shout "oy vey" which cracks me up! I also love having them try out some of the yiddish words that are funny flourishes throughout the book.

Oh my god, this book is awesome! My sister got it for us for the kids' second birthday, as a bit of a joke (we are not remotely Jewish) and because it looked funny, and we loved it so much we immediately sent copies to our Jewish friends with kids. The kids like it a lot (though they don't get some of the humor). They like yelling "Oy vey!" with Mama Gefilte. "Such a nice book."

Five little smiling Gefilte fish balls wearing top hats (one is always whistling) greet us on the cover of this amusing parody of the "Five Little Ducks" song. They go out daily from their jar to experience city life, bouncing down the wrought iron fire escape, "taking in a play", swimming in the bay "crashing the deli buffet", and getting "shlepped away" in a yellow taxi. Unfortunately for Mama Gefilte, one less gefilte returns each day, causing her to cry out "OY VEY" in consternation, until they all return happily to where the babushka-wearing Mama fish ball sits on her park bench. She stops kvetching, and now kvells with happiness. The funny asides on signage and within the illustrations are clever inside Yiddish jokes for the older crowd, but the book stands on its own as a delightful frolic through New York's Jewish scene. This book needs to be sung--the zanier the better! Share with some kids ASAP--just avoid serving Gefilte fish to those who won't appreciate it!

I bought this book because it shares an older type Jewish humor that is not often shared with our younger children unless they are exposed to their older family members. I read it using various voices and have other elder members that come to visit read using their unique humor to share the story with my students.

We received this book from the PJ Library and we love it so much I looked it up on to write a review. Our four year old loves the sweetness and silliness of the rhymes and Yiddish and the playful illustrations. 5 stars.

I look at it like an introduction to Yiddish for my kids (who are 3 and 5). My parents also love it. My

non Jewish husband finds it cute, but cannot read it to the kids since he cannot pronounce all of the words.

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