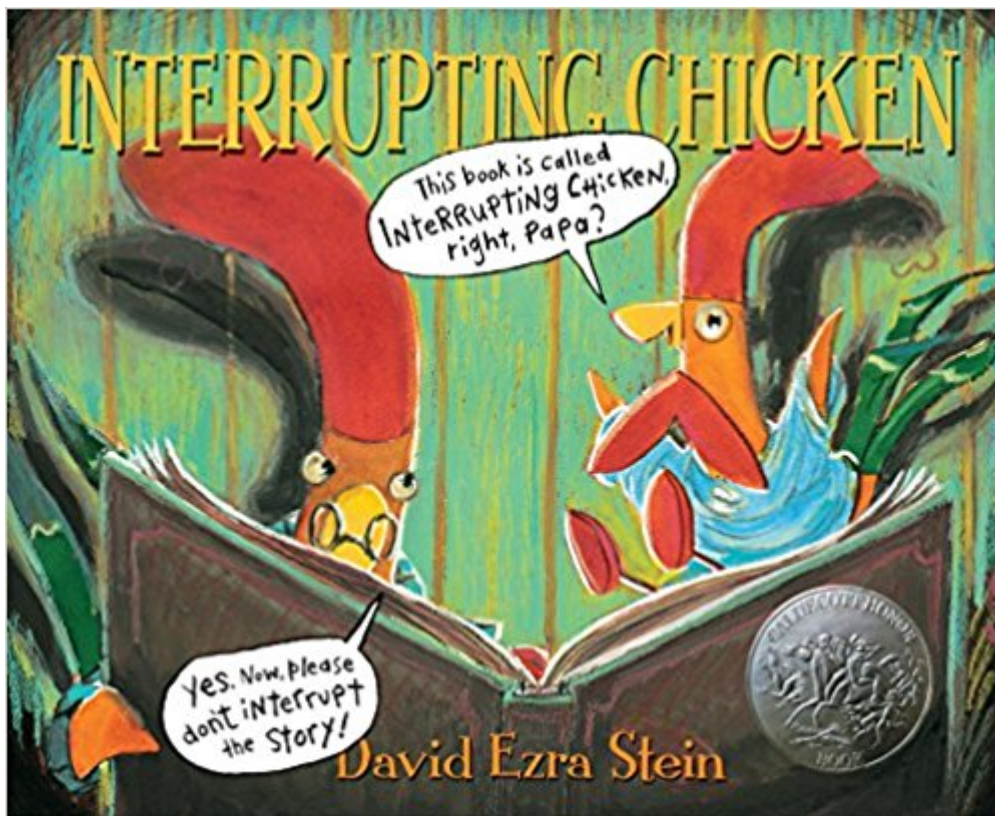


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# Interrupting Chicken



## Synopsis

Awarded a 2011 Caldecott Honor! A favorite joke inspires this charming tale, in which a little chicken's habit of interrupting bedtime stories is gleefully turned on its head. It's time for the little red chicken's bedtime story and a reminder from Papa to try not to interrupt. But the chicken can't help herself! Whether the tale is HANSEL AND GRETEL or LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD or even CHICKEN LITTLE, she jumps into the story to save its hapless characters from doing some dangerous or silly thing. Now it's the little red chicken's turn to tell a story, but will her yawning papa make it to the end without his own kind of interrupting? Energetically illustrated with glowing colors and offering humorous story-within-a-story views this all-too-familiar tale is sure to amuse (and hold the attention of) spirited little chicks.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2 In a picture book that is as charming and comic as Pouch! (Putnam, 2009), Stein again represents an affectionate parent's trials with a vigorous child. At bedtime, despite a rooster papa's best efforts to share classic fairy tales with his daughter, Little Red Chicken's soft heart means she can't help but jump into each story to warn Hansel and Gretel and then Red Riding Hood about impending danger, and to assure Chicken Little: Don't panic! It was just an acorn. In each case, the story abruptly ends, wearying the father with what to do next. When he convinces his

daughter to compose her own story, she fills four pages with preschool-style spelling and drawings about a chicken putting her papa to bed, but her tale is interrupted by Papa's snores. At the end, the pair cuddle together, asleep. Stein's droll cartoons use watercolor, crayon, china marker, pen, and tea. The rich colors of the characters perfectly contrast with the sepia pages of the storybooks. This is one of the rare titles that will entertain both parent and child. Gay Lynn Van Vleck, Henrico County Library, Glen Allen, VA Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

At bedtime, Papa prepares to read an old favorite to the little red chicken, but before beginning, he reminds her not to interrupt the story. Reassured, he begins "Hansel and Gretel," but just as the two children approach the witch's house, up pops the little red chicken, exclaiming "DON'T GO IN! SHE'S A WITCH! . . . THE END!" Two more attempted bedtime stories end abruptly with the little red chicken saving Little Red Riding Hood and Chicken Little. The childlike humor of this wonderfully illustrated picture book will bring belly laughs from kids, particularly those who know the original stories. Stein uses page turns dramatically to build tension, which is released each time the chicken interrupts and amends a fairy tale. Differences in medium and style differentiate between scenes taking place in the folktales and in the main story. Created with watercolor, water-soluble crayon, and pen and ink, the illustrations are vivid and dramatic. Great fun for reading aloud. Preschool-Grade 3. --Carolyn Phelan --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Interrupting Chicken is a fun book about a little chicken that interrupts his papa while they are reading familiar bedtime stories. Each time his papa starts to read a new story, the little chicken annoys him by interrupting loudly with a warning to the characters in the book...he just can't STOP! I read this every year to my second grade class, and every year they LOVE it! Here are the reasons why my class loved it: 1) It is so funny, it made them want to read it over and over. 2) It is a good book to teach an important lesson about interrupting. 3) It is short and sweet so you can finish it quickly. 4) Finally, it is fun to read it aloud, because you can use different voices and expression to make it interesting! We hope you enjoy this book!

My son and I first read this book when we checked it out from the library. We loved it and laughed so much we read it every night for weeks and then to his prekindergarten class for literature week. So we purchased this book to be a part of our permanent book collection at home! :)

My wee one interrupts like most children and I found it difficult to explain to her and this concept was hard for her to understand until we read this book! She got it immediately, plus she laughed and giggled all through this book. It really simplifies what it is to interrupt and why others find it annoying and frustrating. This book is now a favorite bedtime story!

My husband and I read this to our boys (6 and 10 - who was reluctant but he laughed) together. One of us is the dad, and the other is the kid in the story. It's HILARIOUS. Makes us all laugh every time we read it!

Great Story for children who are acquainted with some traditional fairy tales. And even if they're not, like my 4 yr. old grandson, he still loves the drama! Little chicken can't stand it when Hansel and Gretel are going to be taken in by the witch, so when his father gets to that place in the bedtime story, little chicken interrupts and warns the listener that "SHE'S A WITCH!". Father chicken tells him not to interrupt the story, but little chicken can't help it and does the spoiler again with "Little Red Riding Hood" and "Chicken Little". It can be so funny when the kids anticipate what's coming. The illustrations are wonderful, and my 3 1/2 yr. old grandson who can't read can see the very large print when little chicken yells out and warns the reader that "She's a witch!" I think this picture book is best for kids who are a little older, maybe 6-8. And they can read it themselves and put all the drama into it. My younger grandchildren aren't exposed to the scary fairy tales like Hansel and Gretel and Little Red Riding Hood, so they miss the point, but they still enjoy the drama of the story and the illustrations, and they think it's funny when little chicken "helps" his dad tell the bedtime stories.

Our neighbor boy, age 5, feeds our chickens when we are away (with some help). This was a thank you to him and it is a beautiful book. thank you!

It wasn't as funny as I expected! Got it on a recommendation from a teacher. My kids and I both thought it would have a better ending. Oh well.

Hilarious book about a chicken who interrupts his dad when he reads a story at bedtime. He knows all the stories by heart. Even though he's been warned, he's can't help himself by blurting out the entire story. Finally a frustrated Dad tells him to tell him a story and watch what happens. Ironically,

the same thing happened to me last week when I sat for the grandkids. Love this little slice of art imitating life. Great illustrations. Entertaining for young and old and a nice little lesson about rudeness thrown in.

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