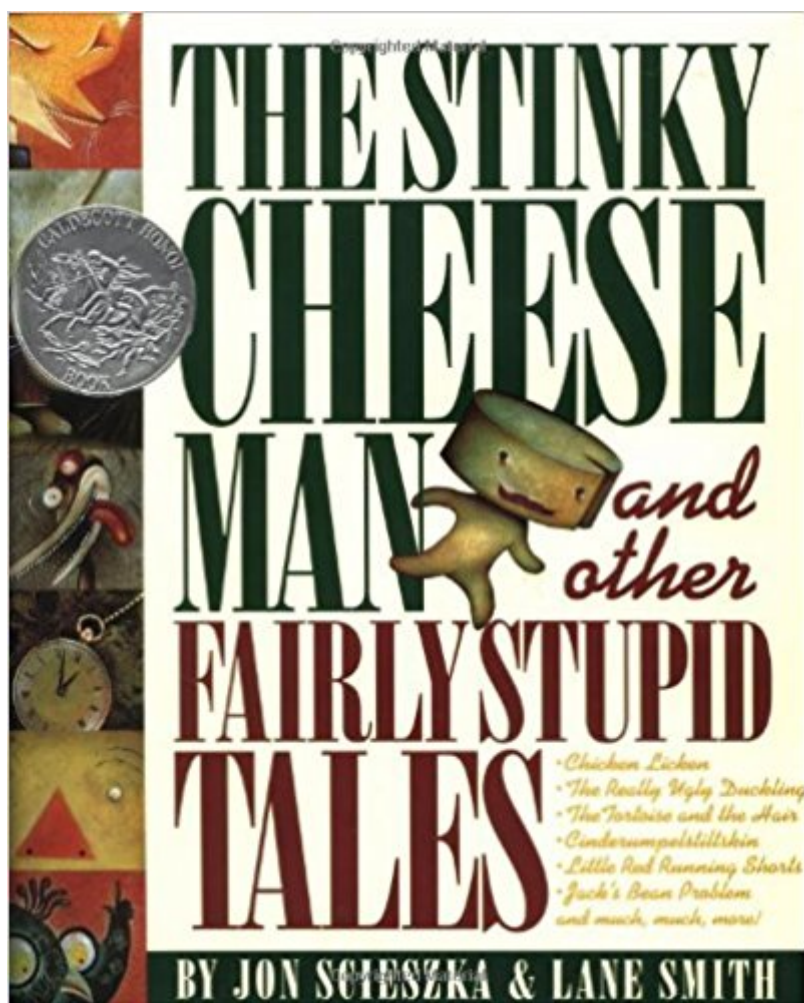


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# The Stinky Cheese Man And Other Fairly Stupid Tales



## Synopsis

The entire book, with its unconventional page arrangement and eclectic, frenetic mix of text and pictures, is a spoof on the art of book design and the art of the fairy tale. The individual tales, such as *The Really Ugly Duckling* and *Little Red Running Shorts*, can be extracted for telling aloud, with great success. Another masterpiece from the team that created *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs!* -Horn Book

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

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## Customer Reviews

If geese had graves, Mother Goose would be rolling in hers. *The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales* retells--and wreaks havoc on--the allegories we all thought we knew by heart. In these irreverent variations on well-known themes, the ugly duckling grows up to be an ugly duck, and the princess who kisses the frog wins only a mouthful of amphibian slime. *The Stinky Cheese Man* deconstructs not only the tradition of the fairy tale but also the entire notion of a book. Our naughty narrator, Jack, makes a mockery of the title page, the table of contents, and even the endpaper by shuffling, scoffing, and generally paying no mind to structure. Characters slide in and out of tales; Cinderella rebuffs Rumpelstiltskin, and the Giant at the top of the beanstalk snacks on

the Little Red Hen. There are no lessons to be learned or morals to take to heart--just good, sarcastic fun that smart-alecks of all ages will love.

Grade-school irreverence abounds in this compendium of (extremely brief) fractured fairy tales, which might well be subtitled "All Things Gross and Giddy." With a relentless application of the sarcasm that tickled readers of *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*, Scieszka and Smith skewer a host of juvenile favorites: Little Red Running Shorts beats the wolf to grandmother's house; the Really Ugly Duckling matures into a Really Ugly Duck; Cinderumpelstiltskin is "a girl who really blew it." Text and art work together for maximum comic impact--varying styles and sizes of type add to the illustrations' chaos, as when Chicken Licken discovers that the Table of Contents, and not the sky, is falling. Smith's art, in fact, expands upon his previous waggery to include increased interplay between characters, and even more of his intricate detail work. The collaborators' hijinks are evident in every aspect of the book, from endpapers to copyright notice. However, the zaniness and deadpan delivery that have distinguished their previous work may strike some as overdone here. This book's tone is often frenzied; its rather specialized humor, delivered with the rapid-fire pacing of a string of one-liners, at times seems almost mean-spirited. Ages 5-up. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I remember reading this in Elementary school, a lot of fun to read with friends, classmates, or just by yourself. This book is more of a PARODY of classic fairy tales, like the ginger bread man, Jack and the Bean Stock, The ugly Duckling, The Tortoise and the Hare, Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Chicken Little, and others. A Great read for Older kids who are tired of the Disney stories read to them over and over again.

Not for the faint of heart. Took our sons to a local theatrical production of the book which inspired the book purchase. 3 and 5 year boys love it but I find it difficult to narrate. Personally I prefer the *True Story of the Three Little Pigs* - it's edgy and dark but easier to read to children.

Need a good laugh and a classic spin on some well-known tales? This book will suffice. Kids everywhere get a kick out of it - and adults too, in my experience! And it's great for reading aloud if you need some short and amusing.

Vaguely remembered The Stinky Cheese Man being a story, so I looked it up and bought it. It

appeals to my slightly warped sense of humor, while at the same time giving my daughters an interesting (but appropriate) spin on classic fairy tales.

I bought this book for my SO as he had fond memories of this book. It's still one of his favorites but he did mention the artwork wasn't the same as he remembered. We look forward to sharing this book with our future kids and it's perfect for every generation.

Love this book! I remember reading it as a child in school and just had to buy it for my daughters! Definitely recommend this book to any parents. My daughter loves the illustrations.

When I read this to my daughter, I do voices for all the characters, and she laughs like crazy. I would put this right up there with *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*.

My favorite Scieszka book. I first learned about this author through the author's dad. Lou gave me a copy of *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*, a few years ago, to read to my son. My son loves that book, but *Stinky Cheese Man* is our favorite. So silly and fun with great illustrations.

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