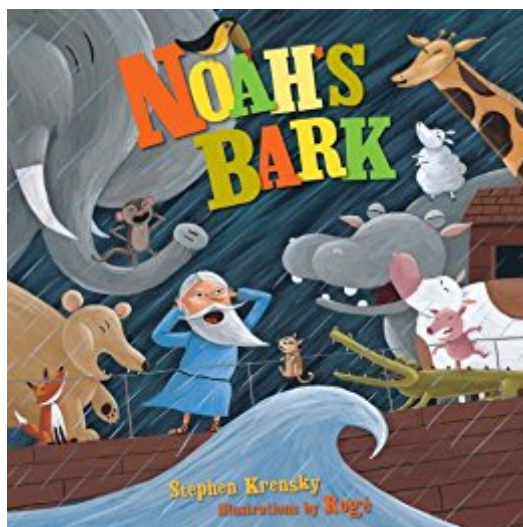


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Noah's Bark (Carolrhoda Picture Books)



Synopsis

Noah's trying to build an ark, but with the snakes quacking, the beavers crowing, and the pigs howling, he can't even hear himself think, much less make a giant boat. Pretty soon Noah's barking in annoyance "and then it starts to rain! Discover how each animal came to make the noise it does today in this whimsical retelling of the beloved Noah's ark story.

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Customer Reviews

What a nice little story! The book is larger than I thought it would be but it is made well. The story is entertaining and my 16 month old loves it!

My four year old loves this book. We make all the animal sounds together and giggle. I appreciate that the language used is beautiful.

Many, many years ago animals made all kinds of sounds and AWK, WAK, spouted out whatever came into their heads. The cows would hisssssssssss, the snake would baah baah as he slithered in the tree branches and the fox would quack quack as a little bird would oink as he perched on the

fox's head. There was nothing more ridiculous than hearing an elephant toot out cock-a-doodle-dooooooo or see a pair of zebras sit in a tree and rooarr. The whole world seemed to be wacky and you could never tell just what was going to come out of an animal's mouth. Have you ever heard a pig howl at the moon? Well, way back when they did just that. When Noah was trying to build his ark all that quacking, hissing, tweeting, baah baahing and hee-haawing was getting on his nerves because he really needed to concentrate on making his ark. Finally, when he really got fed up, he yelled to them, "I NEED QUIET!" Not that anyone listened to him because when the rains started up many of the "animals grew frightened" and made even more noise. Finally when his ark was finished the animals began to board two by two, least ways the ones who believed him when he told them about the "great flood that was coming." The flood began. It was dark and the ark was tossed around in the waters. Noah asked the animals for help and when they all started yapping at once Noah exclaimed, "We'll never survive this way. Something has to be done." How was he every going to get those baah baahing, hee-haawing animals to cooperate? This novel take on Noah's ark and how he gets the baah, baahing, hee-haawing animals to be quiet, save the ark and give him peace of mind was hilarious. This highly original story about how all the animals found their individual voices will tickle your little one's funny bone. The artwork meshed perfectly and lent itself nicely to the hilarity of Noah's predicament. My favorite scene as when many of the animals were in the treetops oink oinking and cock-a-doodle-dooooing their distress. If you are an expressive reader, this would be a perfect tale to read to a group of little ones. Be prepared for a LOT of noise!

Noah's Bark by Stephen Krensky is a silly tale of how the animals each found their own unique sound. Filled with absurd animal antics, this a rousing tale that begs to be read at a storytime! Long ago, years ago, all animals had more than one sound. Cows meowed. Giraffes went bah. Sheep barked. And it made for one very noisy time for Noah as he builds the ark. As he tries to complete his boat, Noah orders the animals to be quiet. To which they reply with a parade of sounds. Then the rain comes. The animals climb on board the ark. And still it's noisy! Noah worries about the sturdiness the ark. The animals' replies aren't too helpful, only a jumble of sounds. But Noah has a solution! I appreciated that despite the titular character being Noah, this is not a religious title. Even children who are not raised in a religious household have some inkling of the tale of Noah's Ark, so this is a good book for classrooms for its non faith-based approach. Children will especially appreciate the incongruity of the mixed up animal sounds - sheeps tweeting like birds, barking like dogs, etc. Bold and colorful illustrations mixed with colorful type along with a menagerie of animals will make this a surefire storytime pleaser.

"Noah's Bark" is a lively retelling of the story of Noah's ark with special emphasis on the animal noise/confusion factor. Noah has a big job to do, first he has to build the Ark, then he has to take care of all the animals on the ark for 40 days and nights while the rains fall and the floodwaters rise. It doesn't help when the animals who came to be saved on the ark all try to make sounds at once. All of the animals made all different kinds of sounds at this time, making things even more confusing. Noah barks at them, and finally he cleverly invents a way to get each animal to choose its own sound, communicating from then on in its own unique "language." The animals cooperate with Noah and the ark stays afloat, and all ends happily, with the animals thanking Noah for giving them their wounds as they leave the ark to begin a new life. The story and drama of "Noah's Bark" is especially enhanced by the colorful, imaginative, enchanting illustrations. Children age 3 and up will enjoy "Noah's Bark" while they benefit from the wonderful lesson of using unique individual gifts to work cooperatively on shared goals.

Noah's Bark is a whimsical retelling of the story about Noah and the animals of the world. The animals were making a lot of noise and this is a problem for Noah. He is trying to concentrate and build an ark. Noah barks, "I need Quiet!" but the animals don't pay any attention to him and continue to make all sorts of loud noises. The pigs were howling and the snakes were quacking - nobody had their own sound - readers will be delighted to discover how each animal came to make the noise it makes today. Although Noah's Bark is geared for ages 4-8 - readers of all ages are sure to enjoy this fun story. Rogã© is the illustrator for Noah's Bark. He has illustrated several picture books and was the winner of the 2006 Governor General's Literary Award for illustration from the Canada Council of the Arts. The illustrations in Noah's Bark are colorful and whimsical and should bring a smile to the face of every reader.

Five stars say the six year-olds I read this too. Oops. Six and three quarters. They also say: A great book. The animals made weird noises at first, but Noah helped them out. They would recommend it to their friends because it's a good book. ;)

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