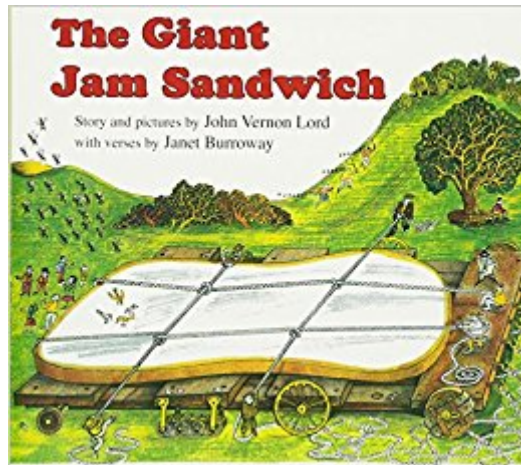


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# The Giant Jam Sandwich



## Synopsis

It's a dark day for Itching Down. Four million wasps have just descended on the town, and the pests are relentless! What can be done? Bap the Baker has a crazy idea that just might work . . . Young readers will love having this lyrical, rhyming text in an accessible board book format as they watch the industrious citizens of Itching Down knead, bake, and slather the biggest wasp trap there ever was! John Vernon Lord's bright ink and crayon illustrations fill the pages with humorous detail.

## Book Information

Board book: 28 pages

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

The people of Itching Down combat an invasion of wasps by trapping them in a large strawberry-jam sandwich, in this nonsense tale. Ages 4-8. Copyright 1987 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"Children should have fun spotting the cockeyed absurdities purveyed here in pictures and verse."  
(Kirkus Reviews)

What I like about books like the Giant Jam Sandwich is that they propose these grandiose, funny solutions to problems that I suspect children at first presume to be entirely rational responses in the mysterious world of grown-ups. Enormous loaf of bread, gallons of butter and strawberry jam, tractors modified with helicopter blades? And why not? As Bap's unanimously squeal-approved

proposition states: "What do wasps like best to eat? Strawberry Jam! Now wait a minute..." So the book has everything-- even scientific non-facts. GJS also has going for it a great rhyme and meter without all the Seussian effrontery of meaningless pseudo-words.

This was my favorite book as a child and it caused me great anguish when I couldn't find it in print when my own kids were small. I'm thrilled to have this classic back in my hands, though I wish it weren't presented as a board book. My teens and I enjoyed a spirited reading of The Giant Jam Sandwich and they agreed that it would have been a favorite for them, too. The rollicking rhymes and imaginative illustrations still capture readers' imaginations.

I used to read this book to my kids...they Loved it! The town where 3 Million Wasps arrived to bother the folks...and their Wonderful Solution! This Rhyming tale may be decades Old, but, its still Terriffic! Bet your kids will finish each sentence before you do! I've Read it to my Grandkids, several times, and bought 2 copies for them! Definately a Winner! ã Â Â^Â,,

The Giant Jam Sandwich has been around a long time, and I was happy to find that it delighted my grandchildren as much as it did my own children. Telling the tale of how villagers cope with a swarm of bees who attack townspeople, this fanciful story intrigues young readers with the creativity of the solution. Children love stories that pose a problem and offer a clever solution. And why NOT build a giant sticky jam sandwich to trap these pests? Humorously illustrated, I love books where you can move across the page and point out little sideline stories to young readers, allowing you to move through the tale leisurely. (Look at this lady here. What is she doing?) Set in rural England, this is a story that delights reader and child alike.

One of my favorite stories as a child. My 5 year old son loves it as well!

This is a very witty and fun book. My daughter kept looking at the pictures

One of our family's favorites, this book is poetic and clever! A timeless rhyming tale!

My daughters, who are now mothers, loved this book when they were young, so of course I had to buy it for my grandkids! The art work is adorable, plotline creative and anything with rhyming is a win for young children. Definitely would recommend it. Just wish I bought the hard copy version. I

know this one will be dog eared in no time!

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