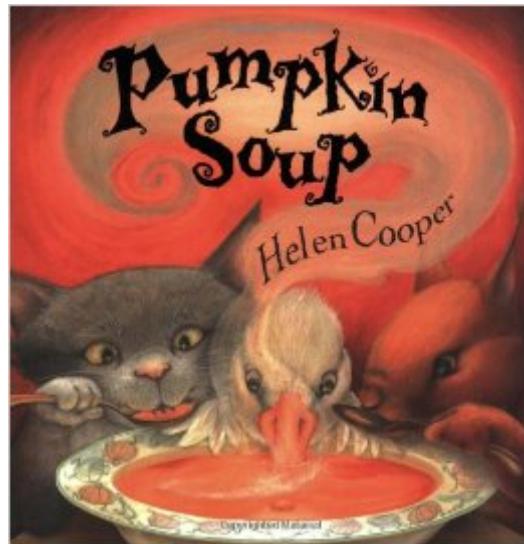


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# Pumpkin Soup



## **Synopsis**

By the Kate Greenaway Medalist Deep in the woods in an old white cabin, three friends make their pumpkin soup the same way every day. The Cat slices up the pumpkin, the Squirrel stirs in the water, and the Duck tips in just enough salt. But one day the Duck wants to stir instead, and then there is a horrible squabble, and he leaves the cabin in a huff. It isn't long before the Cat and the Squirrel start to worry about him and begin a search for their friend. Rendered in pictures richly evoking autumn, Helen Cooper's delightful story will resonate for a child who has known the difficulties that come with friendship. Included at the end is a recipe for delicious pumpkin soup.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

There is something so warm, satisfying and homey about this book. The three animals live happily together in their warm and cozy house eating their regular supper of pumpkin soup. Each member of this little family has his own role in the soup making process; however, happiness cannot last forever and one morning the duck decides he wants to trade parts! HE wants to be the one stirring the soup... This wish causes chaos in the little house and the duck decides to leave....I am sure you can guess the ending, but nevertheless this is a rich, beautiful and lovable story which has several surprises along the way. The paintings are beautiful and colorful (I especially love the pumpkin garden) and my son always ends the reading with his wish "please make me a pumpkin soup"...

Grandmum was a children's librarian and always finds the great books for my daughter. This is a sweet little book that has become my daughter's favorite (she is 4). She found it funny that a cat, a squirrel and a duck would live together, play music, and make soup. Each has a part to their events as each plays a certain instrument, and each has a certain part to the making of the soup. Chaos happens when the duck decides he wants to try something different. It of course has a happy ending. The art is very good as my daughter likes looking at it. A good book for bed time reading!

As a children's librarian I often read this book aloud to "my kids" and it was a hit every single time. It's all about cooperation and learning to accept your friends despite all their faults and foibles. I heartily recommend it for one of those chilly fall days--serve soup and crackers as a snack.

I highly recommend this book. The illustrations are outstanding. My three year old loves it. The story is engaging and sweet. It is one of our favorite bedtime books. It is a rare treat to find a book that has great illustrations and a great story to go along with them.

What a lovely book. My friend's little girl, who is 3, just loves this book. Her mum raves that she can't go to sleep without hearing it. They gave it to my 2 year old as a birthday gift. The illustrations are beautiful and the story is charming. It's fastly becoming my child's favorite book. It must be...I read it to him at least 3 times a day. Enjoy! I'm going to buy more of her books.

I did not know the extent to which my daughter would come to love this book when I purchased it. Had I known, I would have found a hardcover edition. Let me just say, this is the first book that my almost 4 year old memorized (word for word). This is the first book that my 9 year old will go to when he wants to read to her (e.g. he wants to read it and needs an excuse). It is a warm tale about friendship, sharing, and overcoming conflict/compromise. It handles conflict naturally (e.g. real characters that really argue and act just like my kids). Real characters with real feelings and vivid imaginations portrayed with flawless, humorous illustrations (we especially love when Squirrel and Cat envision Duck's new shop). The colors of the artwork are warm and orange - just like pumpkin soup. You feel like you are peering in on their lives (like the two little bugs that appear on every page). Most importantly, this book does not come off preachy - so I think it rings true with children. In fact, my daughter uses this book to relate sharing issues - all I need to say is "remember how Duck wanted to use Squirrel's special spoon?" and she gets it - instantly. And - for some odd reason

- my children are now fascinated with pumpkins and want to cook. We have made pumpkin bread, pumpkin pie, pumpkin ravioli... and.... Pumpkin soup - The Best You Ever Tasted!

This book is a must for any child. Our daughter is 2 years of age and endless flips through the pages pointing out her favorite animals. What makes this book so great is that a child up to 8-10 will love it as well. It's become a cornerstone of the nightly bedtime ritual.

A delightful and whimsical story of a cat, squirrel and duck who live together in harmony until the duck wants a turn at a new job. Great story about sharing and not taking friends for granted.

Illustrations are imaginative, wonderful. Our boys love this book.

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