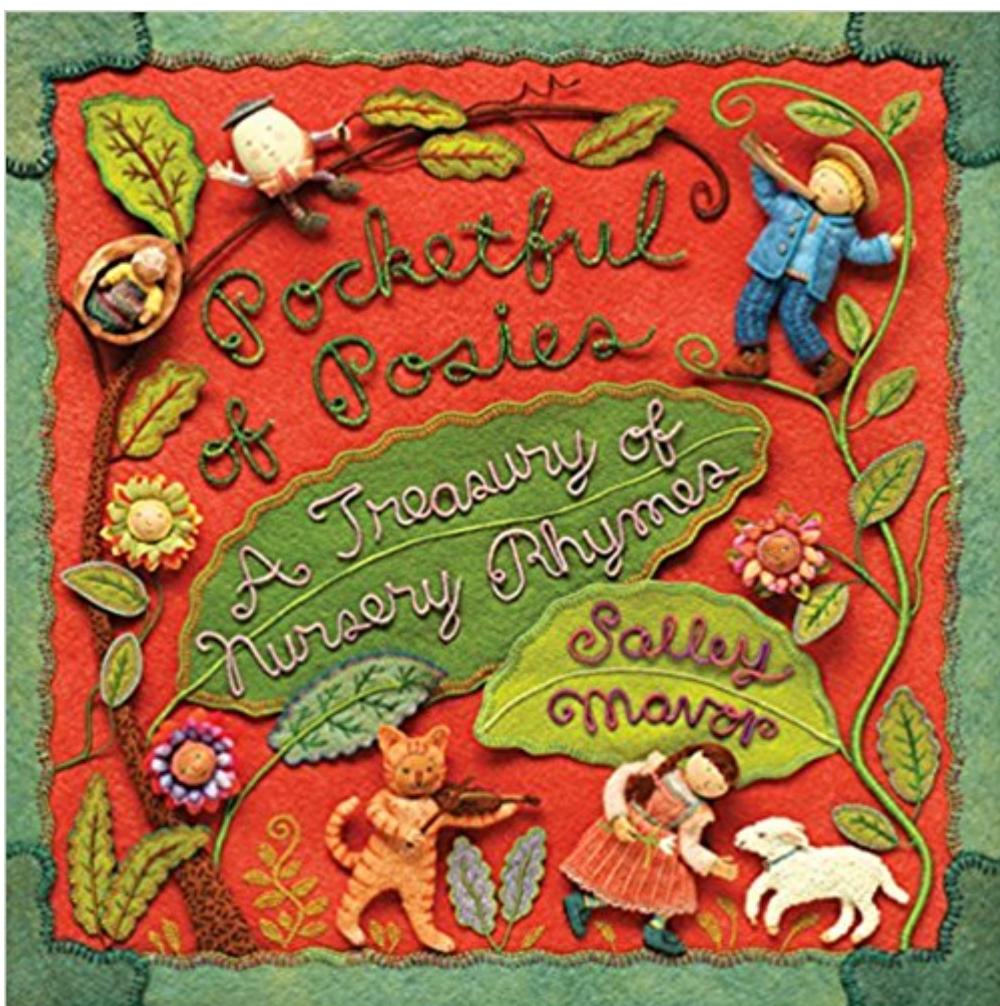


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# Pocketful Of Posies: A Treasury Of Nursery Rhymes



## Synopsis

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## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This hand-picked collection of classic nursery rhymes, all delicately and painstakingly illustrated by Salley Mavor, who is reknown for her incredibly detailed fabric and cloth scenes. It took Mavor ten years to develop her own fabric relief technique to a level where she felt comfortable even considering illustrating a book. Now, Mavor embroiders and sews illustrations, each scene taking nearly a month to complete. In this book, Mavor renders a new and visionary nursery rhyme world with precision and intricacy for many a generation to treasure for years and years to come. Photos Taken by the Author of *Pocketful of Posies* (Click on Images to Enlarge)

The character's faces are painted on wooden beads. I include beads, shells and other found objects in the fabric relief scenes. I hand sew every stitch in every illustration.

Some characters in the book have hats made of acorn caps. I use plant dyed wool felt and multicolored threads to make the pictures. I like using driftwood to make house roofs and furniture.

PreS-Gr 1 The epitome of warm and fuzzy, this collection is illustrated with embroidered fabric pictures that have been embellished with small objects like buttons, bells, shells, and bits of

driftwood. Some of the items, like Mary's little white lambs, are crocheted, and many of the people appear to have heads made of smooth, round dowels. Old verses like "Elsie Marley" and "Simple Simon" are given a new freshness with this interpretation. With no white space, and familiar text laid out simply, the pictures definitely take center stage. Young children love visual detail and this book will engage and delight. The characters don't look very expressive, but the soft colors and graceful lines are attractive and appealing. An unusual and charming addition to nursery-rhyme shelves. Lauralyn Persson, Wilmette Public Library, IL © Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

The pictures in this treasury are beautiful glossies of incredible artwork. I would have given it five stars, but I really did not find it clear in the descriptions (especially with pictures of the artist working away) that this would not be something my baby couldn't touch. In my head, he'd be able to pet the little lambs and fiddle with the people. I could justify that for the price, but I think it's a little overpriced for a baby's book otherwise. It is likely not the artist's fault, but still I cannot give it in full faith five stars.

We love this collection of Mother Goose poems. It has ones that are well known (and just a few unknown). And the illustrations and so cute! The author sewed them out of felt and added some natural items (bark, etc). This book is a joy to read and look at.

We found this book at our local library. My 3 year old was instantly fascinated by this book. The visual details are simply beautiful, and the nursery rhymes are really great, some more obscure ones which I hadn't heard before. The only improvement would be to make the binding more durable, and the pages a bit thicker (they are too thin for little kids use). We have already gone through one copy (it didn't hold up to the daily use of our 3 yr old as it was much loved for over a year and started falling apart). That is fine though, we just happily purchased a second copy that will hopefully last a few more years.

We have at least five collections of nursery rhymes on our bookshelf, but this book is by far our favourite, being selected for reading over and over again. The illustrations are absolutely amazing and my son takes great joy in pointing out the different items that have been fashioned together to form each image. I have recommended this version to others and feel that it would make a great baby or birthday gift.

I nearly swooned when I saw this beautiful book and the fantastically crafted dolls and animals photographed against felt nature backgrounds on all the pages of the book. Sally Mavor is a delightful fabric artist; each of the creatures and people are made by hand from felt, pipe-cleaners and embroidery thread. Frankly, I can't comment on the text of the book -- it's the handwork that caught my eye and made the book a must-have. I love the creative genius on these pages. There's a lot to love here.

This is one of my favorite books to give at baby showers. Most of the nursery rhymes are ones that we all grew up with. However, many of us don't remember each rhyme perfectly, nor do we remember all the verses. I tell expecting parents to read this book before the baby comes so that when the baby arrives, they know the rhymes by heart better. Then, while they're spending all those joyful, yet very routine moments with their baby, they can recite some of these rhymes, rather than fishing for things to say. The art makes it more interesting to look through than the outdated texts I remember from my youth.

My daughter (4 years old) and I checked this out from the library and I spent the evening after she went to bed poring through the pages, delighting in the incredible detail on each page. The stitching is EXQUISITE, the colors beautiful, the found objects and beads completely coherent with the softness of the hand-dyed felt. It's simply one of the most incredible books (as well as most incredible pieces of art) I've held in my hands in a very long time and inspired me to immediately order a copy for our family and for my daughter's preschool teacher. Oh, and then I had to order several other Salley Mavor books, too, to keep the enjoyment going. Now off to give 5-star reviews to those as well! My daughter loves this book, too, delighting in finding unusual beads and other details on each page. She flips through it during her "nap" time - I can hear her chanting from memory the nursery rhymes as she turns the pages. Such a treasure!

This is a beautiful book! The illustrator of this book is amazing. Read the details of the book..the illustrations are pictures of her incredibly amazing fabric work..wool felting, etc. It is so unique. I cannot wait to read this to my grandson when he is old enough. Will be a fun book to point and teach the different animals, etc. The artist has an etsy page and offers an autographed copy but I wanted to save a little bit so I ordered it here. A really nice book at such a fair price!

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