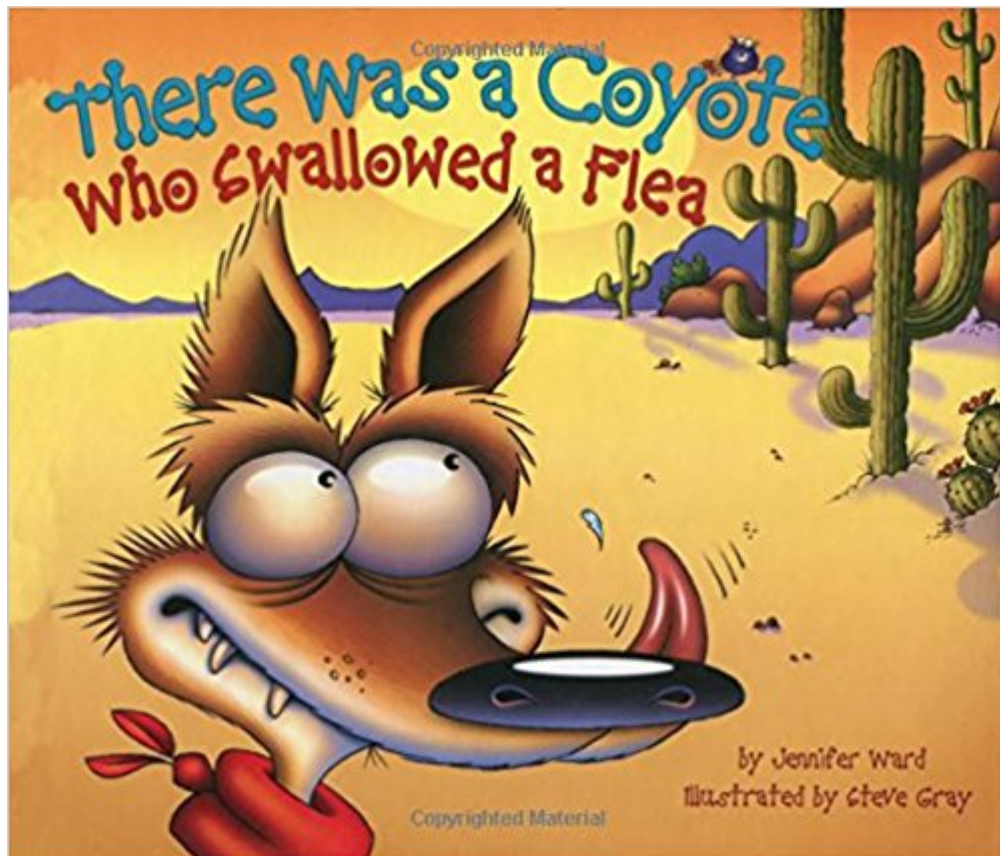




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# There Was A Coyote Who Swallowed A Flea



## Synopsis

There was a coyote who swallowed a flea, Plucked from his knee, that tickly flea. Yippee-o-Ki-Yee! Skinny ol' Coyote delights readers of all ages as he swallows his way through this delicious southwestern-flavored retelling of a well-loved rhyme. As Coyote gets bigger, the story gets zanier as a bird, a bull, and even an entire cactus end up as dinner. It's pure fun for everyone! -- even that little flea. Call him silly to swallow a chile! Yippee-o-Ki-Yee!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Award-winning author Jennifer Ward presents *There was a Coyote Who Swallowed a Flea*, a whimsical children's picturebook offering an outrageous take on a common children's nursery rhyme. Following the exploits of a hungry coyote who sets out to gulp down everything in sight - and the perplexed appetizers socializing in his tummy - *There was a Coyote Who Swallowed a Flea* blends the vibrant, cartoony art of Steve Gray and singsong rhythm to create a rollicking funny tale. "He swallowed the cactus to go with the chile. / He swallowed the chile to season the bird. / He swallowed the bird to catch the snake. / He swallowed the snake to catch the lizard. / He swallowed the lizard to catch the flea, / Plucked from his knee, that tickly flea. / Yippe-o-ki-yee?" -- Midwest Book Review

Jennifer Ward has done it to me again. *There Was a Coyote Who Swallowed a Flea*, and then

proceeded to eat everything in sight, across the desert and into the night sky. He ate and ate and ate some more, right up to the point you know he won't fit in another bite. What could this be leading up to? A funny little store in the middle of nowhere? A tourist trap on a really remote desert? A restaurant with a bizarre menu? No. No. And no. Just like *The Old Pirate Who Swallowed a Fish*, and the other Swallowed books of Ward's (*There was an Odd Princess*, *There Was an Old Mummy*, *There was an Old Martian*) it leads to nothing. More specifically it leaves the reader feeling like the last page is missing. As usual, the illustrations by Steve Gray are amazing and the saving grace of an otherwise unsatisfying book. My 4 yr old grandson thought *There Was an Old Pirate* was beyond funny, he actually calls it "The Funny Pirate" book. He is visually handicapped and I think the large, colorful pictures that also tell the story help him a lot. There also seems to be some 4/5 year old humor that I miss completely. The rhymes and repetition are wonderful for pre and early readers. As long as the books make him happy I will buy them and I will continue to read them to him in my best sing-song voice. He hasn't received this one yet, I'll know shortly if this is a hit or miss. I don't like to recommend this book, because the ending is so weak. I'm sure that such a gifted writer could do so much better. But, if you have a silly four year old, pre k or kindergarten class you might want to try it. It is returnable through Prime. This book gets three stars for the illustrations.

This is a cute book. It is level 3.1, quiz #114543. It is an AR book and you can earn AR points if your school has the system. Here is an activity that goes with it.

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Sequencing-COMMON-CORE-There-Was-An-Old-Coyote-Who-Swallowed-a-Flea-1755310> The kids really love it when you use a silly voice to go along with it when reading. I used it with kindergarten students and they were able to follow it.

We love this book! We had checked it out at the library and my 2 and 4 year old fell in love with it. They had it memorized by the time we had to turn it back in. After listening to them repeat it for a couple weeks, I finally bought it for them. A few months later and it is still a family favorite! We all know it by heart but love the illustrations. We live in the desert so we especially love how this book relates to our surroundings :)

My toddlers LOVE this book and can recite it.

This is only one book in the series. They are all very well liked by my grandsons.

bought this for a baby shower for a my niece who live on a ranch in New Mexico....such great graphics and colorful for the new baby the daddy will be reading this one. Guest wrote wishes and prayers in book.

This is very cute. Reminiscent of "There was an old woman who swallowed ....". I'm an elementary school librarian. The students really enjoy helping me read this book. Makes for a very enjoyable book.

I really like this book! The only thing i found i did not like is getting it for the Kindle Fire is because all the pictures do not show up or are half done. But other than that it is a cute little story! :)

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