The Complete Book Of Rhymes, Songs, Poems, Fingerplays, And Chants (Complete Book Series)
Synopsis

Winner of the National Parenting Publications Award, Parent’s Choice Award, Parent’s Guide to Children’s Media Award, Reader’s Preference Editor’s Choice Award, and Benjamin Franklin Award finalist. Over 700 rhymes, songs, poems, fingerplays, and chants The Complete Book of Rhymes, Songs, Poems, Fingerplays, and Chants gives children a variety of ways to fall in love with rhythm, rhyme, repetition, and structural sequence—important building blocks for future readers. The 700 selections will help children ages 3 to 6 build a strong foundation in listening skills, imagination, coordination, and spatial and body awareness. In this giant book of rhythm and rhyme, you are sure to find your own childhood favorites! The book includes three easy indexes for quick reference: First Line Index A horse and a flea and three blind mice | All around the cobbler’s bench | I caught myself a baby bumblebee | I went to the Animal Fair | Theme Connection Alphabet Emotions Families Opposites | and More! Category Index Action rhymes Fingerplays Nursery rhymes Sequencing songs Tongue twisters | and More!

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Customer Reviews

I purchased this book thinking I would receive numerous ideas to use in my kindergarten class. I was very disappointed in the quality of this book. I was looking for finger plays and most of this book contained songs/rhymes without body movements. The fingerplays that are listed are very common
ones, that most adults know from childhood. I was looking for something different. If you are looking for pages full of songs/rhymes (many with out a tune to follow) than this is the book for you. It wasn’t for me.

If you are a teacher, daycare worker, or just like to have a lot of ideas for young children you will love this book! Jackie Silberg and Pam Schiller have compiled a collection of over 700 children’s rhymes, songs, poems, fingerplays and chants. What a wonderful nostalgic trip as I turned through the pages and read rhymes and chants that I have not heard since my early childhood. Jumprope chants, skipping songs, songs for hand clapping games, they are all here. Examples include Aiken Drum, Baby Bumblebee, the Bear Went Over the Mountain, The Cow, Dr. Foster Went to Gloucester, Five Little Ducks, Going on a Bear Hunt, I Have a Loose Tooth, John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt, Over in the Meadow, Sippin’ Cider Through a Straw, and Zum Gali Gali. Each of the items is followed by a Theme Connection to allow you to quickly apply the song or chant to a particular theme such as counting, chickens, cooking, pets, emotions, or families. While most people would have no problem figuring out a theme to which they apply, the advantage here is that not only are the songs and chants listed alphabetically in the index, but there is also a thematic index to allow you to quickly find an appropriate song or chant. "The Complete Book of Rhymes, Songs, Poems, Fingerplays, and Chants" is a very highly recommended purchase for anyone dealing with young children.

This book transcribes the lyrics of 700 very common poems and songs. There is no other information, it is just a book of lyrics with a few words at the end indication the "theme." For example, the lyrics to “Take Me Out to the Ball Game” are in the book with a brief caption afterwards that reads: Theme: Counting. It comes with two CDs that contain 50 of the songs and poems which you probably already have if you’ve bought more than a handful of children’s CDs for your kid. I would recommend checking it out from the library if you really must see it. On no planet is this worth more than $15 at most.

I think this book is great. It is a massive collection of the old, the favorite, and all those songs and rhymes that are on the tip of your tongue, but you can’t remember. This is a book to buy and keep handy, both for teachers and for parents. You will be able to grab it and quickly find what you are looking for. This would also be a great gift for new parents or teachers.
Does this book contain a lot? - yes. Is this book easy to read with nice images? - yes. Would it xerox well? - for the most part. The images are black and white too which makes it easy to xerox onto an overhead for the entire class to read along. However, the book is thick so difficult at times to lay flat on the scanner/xerox copier. Does it include the music for the songs? - no. You would need to look that up on the internet. Does it include diagrams for the finger plays? - no. You would need to look that up on the internet. Does it tell you if the rhymes can be used for hopscotch, jump rope, or hand-clapping games? - no. You would need to look that up on the internet. Is it sorted by letters to easily include in a letter per week toddler curriculum? - at times but only because the title starts with the appropriate letter. It would be better to use the index to find a theme. Is it easy to find what you would like to do? absolutely because there is a table of contents, first line index, theme index, and category index. Do you regret your purchase? - no. I just wish it was laid out for a letter-a-week curriculum and included the music notes and diagrams of fingerplays etc. so I did not have to put so much time on my own into using the material.

I’m currently taking a music for children classes and this book it not required for the class but OH BOY how helpful has it been. I was not born here so I didn’t even know the itsy bitsy spider. This book it’s helping to thrive through my class I’m really glad I bought it and found it on . The CDs only have 50 tracks so not all the written materials are on the CDs, but it’s still great enough for beginner like me.

Silberg has done an amazing job at gathering, writing, and organizing this fun book. I bought it when my son was two and in the last two years we have done almost everything in this book. I think that the information that is contained within this book is great for any parent of a toddler to have. My little boy is smarter simply because I took the time to purchase this book. I found The Complete Book of Rhymes, Songs, Poems, Fingerplays, and Chants for just a fraction of the retail price on . It was delivered within a week of being purchased and was in such great condition that it looked brand new!

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