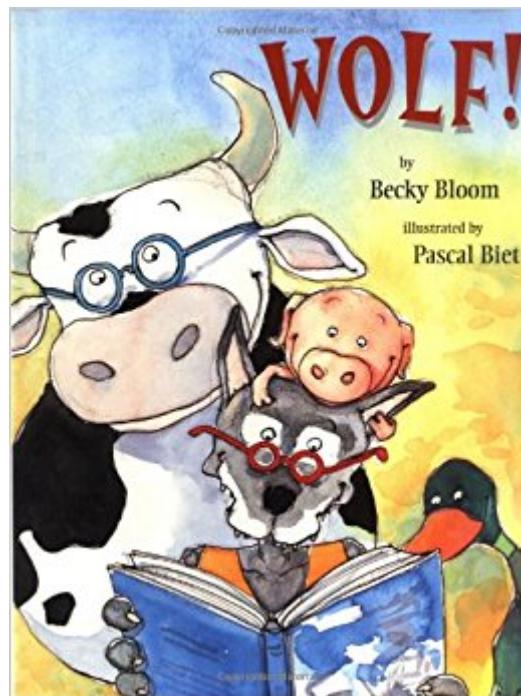


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# Wolf!



## **Synopsis**

A wolf learns to read in order to impress a group of farmyard animals he has met.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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## **Customer Reviews**

With a pinch of the tongue-in-cheek and a pound of perseverance, this droll wolf story is a charmer. When a hungry, nearly penniless itinerant wolf decides to make a meal of some barnyard animals, he finds that they won't even look up from their books. "This is a farm for educated animals," they tell him. The wolf is caught so off guard that he forgets about his appetite and enrolls in school. When he takes his newfound knowledge back to the farm and proudly reads, "Run wolf! Run!" the animals go on "reading their own books, not the least impressed." Not until the wolf makes repeat visits to the library and buys his own storybook (with his last coins) can he read "with confidence and passion," entrancing the cow, pig and duck with story after story. The foursome decides to travel the world as storytellers, and the endpapers show them reading books to children everywhere. French illustrator Biet fills her fresh watercolors with lively humor and clever characterizations. The wolf, sporting red reading glasses and an orange vest, peruses library books as solemnly as a British don. The cow wears blue sunglasses and a look of contented rapture as she listens to the wolf's tales. The wry humor of both text and illustrations wisely offsets the book's underlying message about the determination needed to learn to read well. All ages. Copyright 1999

PreSchool-Grade 2-Bloom gives folklore's villain a new role. Woebegone and hungry, Wolf is rebuffed by his intended victims-a duck, a pig, and a cow-when he attempts to use his ilk's traditional tactics to secure lunch. Deeply engrossed in their reading, the highly literate trio cannot be bothered with the ruffian intruder. Stunned to be ignored by his would-be prey, who ask him to be big and dangerous elsewhere, the wolf determines that he, too, can educate himself and so sets off to school sporting a new set of red glasses. Although his human classmates are a bit puzzled by his presence, he masters the basics and tries in vain to impress the barnyard animals by reading from his primer, "Run, wolf! Run! See wolf run." Determined to hold their attention, Wolf goes first to the public library and then to the bookstore to acquire more reading experience and skill, until he finally gains an appreciative audience when he reads "with confidence and passion." The pig, the cow, and the duck beg for more, and the protagonist finds that literacy is the key to friendship. Parents, teachers, librarians, and newly skilled readers will love the unabashedly undisguised message of the text, but any audience will find great fun in Biet's jaunty watercolors that invest Wolf and his reading pals with such distinctive character. Sue Sherif, Fairbanks North Star Borough Public Library, AK Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

This is such a wonderful, unique twist to the old story. I've read this book five times since buying it yesterday and can't wait to read it to the second graders in my volunteer reading program. The whimsical pictures of the animals totally absorbed in reading their books and thus refusing to be disturbed by a big, bad wolf are absolutely fantastic. The wolf gets the message that these are "educated" animals, and he embarks on a great quest to learn to read. The wolf's unfaltering determination to read is truly inspiring. Don't miss the looks on the faces of the humans as they encounter (on the sidelines) the wolf throughout the story. There are also subtle signs that learning to read is helping to refine the wolf's social graces (as he announces himself to the farm animals each time). The story is great; the art is great. Definitely #1 on my gift-giving list

My students loved this book. I refer to it often when they want to give up and remind them that the Wolf didn't give up and kept trying to read better.

My daughter really enjoys this book! She especially likes the part when the wolf (aka Mom) reads super fast to impress his friends. I like that this book teaches the importance of reading fluently and

with enthusiasm! I find myself doing the same things when I read it aloud to her!

Such a fun story. Provides a good model of positive reading attitudes.

As a children's picture book, this is a great one. The story is fun and offers inspiration. I use it as a first story with my new classes (1st grade for many years, now 5th grade). A great mid-year first grade student read. With upper elementary, I use it like a Dr. Seuss book to inspire as a read aloud.

This is one of my favorites to read to my class. There is an underlying message of not giving up even if it is hard!! Wolf worked really hard to become a good reader and all his hard work pays off. Love it!!

This is a great book to teach children to read with expression! At first the wolf can't read. Then he reads like a robot. Finally he learns to read with style.

A great book to start the year off reading to your little ones in your class to share the love of reading. A different ending than your kids can predict.

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