

Wolf's Coming!
Joe Kulka
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About the Author/Illustrator:

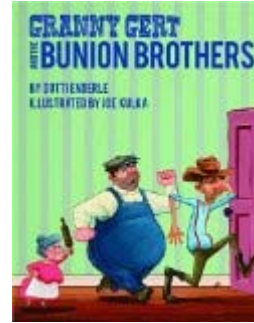
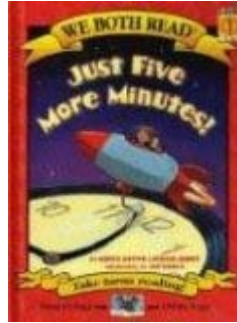
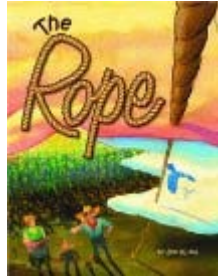
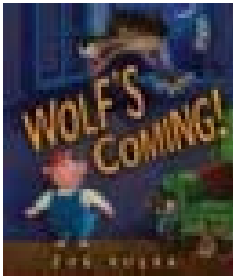


Joe Kulka has illustrated many books, but *Wolf's Coming!* is the first he has written and illustrated. The book is based upon experiences he has had with his son. They would pretend that shadows were a wolf and yell "Wolf's Coming!" as they ran to the car. Along with illustrating picture books he has drawn illustrations for video games and television programs.

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Book Awards:

- Wanda Gág Book Award
- Washington Children's Choice Picture Books Nominee
- Young Hoosier Book Award Nominee
- Moonbeam Children's Book Award - Bronze Medal
- School Library Journal Best Book
- Society of School Librarians International (SSLI) Honor Book



Annotation:



As the wolf heads through the forest all of the animals scatter so they are not seen. Faster, faster they all move as the wolf comes closer and closer. The animals all make it safely to the tree house to hide from the wolf. The hungry wolf peers through the window and the animals all cover. In the end readers discover the animals were all having a surprise party for the wolf. Mr. Kulka has written the poetry in a suspenseful way to keep you wanting to see what will happen next

Genre:

Fairy Tale/ Poetry

Point of View:

Third Person

Theme:

Suspense

The title and illustrations on the cover suggest that the wolf is coming to eat the other animals in the house.

Conflict:

The animals in the forest appear to be scared and running to hide from the wolf. The illustrations depict a wolf who looks as if he is stalking the animals in the woods looking for something to eat.

Conflict Resolution:

The animals are not really scared. They are running and hiding to surprise the wolf for his birthday. The animals have all planned a surprise party with cake and pizza for the wolf who is their friend.

Characters:

Wolf- tall, scary looking, big teeth, wearing a suit

Forest Animals- father, mother and baby animals who have worried/scared looks on their faces...then happy/smiling

Blackbird- flying throughout the story warning others/ keeping track of the wolf

Setting:

Fairy tale forest

Interest Level/Reading Level:

IR P-2

RL 1.2

Booktalk:

Hurray! Hurray! Wolf's coming! Beware of the big bad wolf as he creeps through the forest. All of the animals scatter trying to stay out of his sight. Will he catch one of the animals by surprise? Or do the animals have a surprise for him?

Language:

hunger pangs- pg. 16- pains in the stomach from wanting to eat
ember- pg. 20- glowing

Standards Met by Content:

Language Arts:

Language Arts- k.1.1, k.1.2, k.1.10, k.2.1, k.2.2, k.2.3, k.3.1, k.3.5, k.7.2, k.7.3, 1.1.7, 1.2.1, 1.2.3, 1.2.7, 1.3.1, 1.3.2, 1.3.4, 1.3.5, 1.7.1, 1.7.2, 1.7.5, 2.1.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.4, 2.2.5, 2.3.4, 3.2.3, 3.2.5, 3.3.1, 3.3.2, 3.3.4, 3.3.5, 3.7.9

Science- k.1.1, k.3.2, 1.1.2, 1.4.1

Anticipation Statements:

Before		Anticipation Guide	After	
Agree	Disagree		Agree	Disagree
		Wolves are mean animals.		
		Wolves like to eat pigs.		
		Wolves are sneaky.		
		Poems always have rhyming words.		
		Everyone loves surprises.		

Art Medium: Pencil Sketch/Watercolor

The illustrator uses pencil sketches to define the characters features and then watercolors to add emphasis to the characters and setting. The use of the dark colors helps to convey the mood of the story in the beginning as being suspenseful and scary. In the end the colors are brighter to show the excitement of the birthday party for the wolf.

Bibliography:

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