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## One Mitten Details

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## **From Reader Review One Mitten for online ebook**

### **Tara Weaver says**

k-2 (read alone)

George use bright pictures with extensive detail to show what someone could do with one mitten. The text is only a couple of lines per page, which is great for beginning readers. There is also a lot of rhyming words used throughout. I believe children will be amused at all the silly things the young girl came up with for one mitten.

Language Arts/Social Emotional

LA-Make a rhyming tree from words used in the story and then the students have to find more words that rhyme with the ones in the story.

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### **Katy says**

This would definitely work for storytime but it didn't blow my mind or anything. May use as a backup book.

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### **Jill says**

Cute book about all the things you can do with a mitten when you only have one and then what you can do with two when you find the lost one!

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### **Library Lady Terri says**

Mittens!

I always forget to bring my mitten to story time when I read this book. I think a bright yellow pair of mittens would be a great compliment to this story.

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### **Miss Pippi the Librarian says**

A young girl enjoys using one mitten and all she is able to do with one mitten. She finds her missing mitten and discover new activities to do with two mittens.

2018 storytime theme: mittens

Reviewed from a library copy.

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## **Laurie says**

Booklist (November 15, 2004 (Vol. 101, No. 6))

PreS-Gr. 1. Who knew a mitten could be so much fun? The sunny yellow mitten fits either hand, and the little girl who wears it makes shadow puppets. The mitten can be a hat for a wooden rooster or a bed for a tiny stuffed animal. It's also perfect for giving a sleepy cat a pat. But wait. What's the cat using as a pillow? The other mitten, of course. Now, the girl shows children all the things that can be done wearing two mittens. George's artwork mixes imagination with bounce. The two-page spreads offer an opportunity to extend the action, and George does this in a very effective way. For instance, the family dog, always in on the action, has room to roam across two pages. Ditto the girl's cute little brother, who appears on a spread divided into four strips. Good for story hours, this shows how much enjoyment can be derived from a very simple item.

Horn Book (Spring 2005)

A young girl can find only one of her mittens, but she cleverly invents plenty of uses for it. "One mitten is a hat / for a rooster's head, / or a very small / mitten-bag bed." When the lost mitten turns up, she finds "lots of / two-mitten things" to do as well. Cheerful illustrations with well-chosen details complement this sprightly rhyme.

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## **Christine Turner says**

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Subject: Lost articles -- Juvenile fiction

Rhyme -- Juvenile fiction

Mittens -- Juvenile fiction.

Clothing and dress -- Juvenile fiction

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## **Widad Hussein says**

One Mitten is a great poetry and picture book for little kids. I couldn't find the lexile level, but it is for primary grades, specifically for Kindergarten. Rather than there being a main character, for this book, there's a main thing which is the mitten. This is in a narrator point of view and it takes place in a home on a cold snowy day. The book is about the creative ways you can use a mitten and how to use your imagination. The

author makes everything rhyme and showcases imaginative ways such as making shadows of animals, make mitten ears, give a cat a soft pat, and so much more. She ends the book with two little girls both wearing mittens and going outside to play.

The main idea is imagination. I would recommend this book because this fits in well for kids personalities at this age. They always have a creative mind and can come up with so many different things that a book like this would interest them. I really liked the book for two reasons: each use of mitten had a picture to go with it and it rhymed.

You can have fun with the simple things.

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### **Cathie (ClassyLibrarian) says**

Another perfect pic for a hats and mittens storytime theme. Great illustrations, easy story to follow. Kids loved it!

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### **Alyssa Tabor says**

Rhyming text, should be good for storytime.

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### **Suzie says**

Clever book that encourages using your imagination

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### **Charlotte says**

Eric loves that the mitten is under the kitty!

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### **Kristina Whitt says**

One Mitten (2002) is a short story about a little girl who discovers all sorts of fun things to do with one mitten. After exploring for a while with one mitten she discovers the other mitten, she goes through an assortment of things to do with two mittens. The book ends with her going outside to play in the snow with her friend.

I think this book is really well suited for emergent readers. It has a ton of repetitive text and the entire pages are illustrated with only a few words per page. The pictures are correlated with the words that are on the page. There would be a ton of activities that you could use to represent chronological events in the story. You could use it as a book in which you could cover simplistic math lessons like adding  $1+1=2$ . You could also do a mitten/glove day in which you could poll the students on mitten vs gloves.

Some questions you could ask students:

1. Who has mittens? Who has gloves?
  2. What did she do with one mitten? 2 mittens?
  3. What happened at the end?
  4. Do you play outside with your friends? In the snow?
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### **Cecilia says**

Cute! The main character and her actions feel very real. As does the place of her other mitten (SPOILER it's under the cat).

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### **Alisia says**

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