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Editorial Review

Review

This delightful children's picture book blends the real meanings of common American idioms such as: "Don't let the cat out of the bag;" "It's raining cats and dogs;" and so on. Each idiom is stated and explained, then, an example of how it might be used is provided. The fun illustrations show scenes of what a child might imagine when hearing an idiom for the first time and taking it literally.

The combination of our language's funny sayings and the even funnier visual jokes the illustrator has generated will make for delightfully giggly read-a-louds. Children will get a real hoo-ha out of this book. We rated it five hearts. --Heartland Reviews, February 2, 2009

From the Inside Flap

Children learn how to have fun with language, plus how words can evolve from one meaning to something entirely different.

This book is a good tool for group discussions, as well as for individual creative time. Children and parents who like other

VanitaBooks will want this one also.

About the Author

Vanita Oelschlager is a wife, mother, grandmother, philanthropist, former teacher, current caregiver, author and poet. A graduate of Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio, she now serves as a Trustee of her alma mater and as Writer in Residence for the Literacy Program at The University of Akron. Vanita and her husband Jim were honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in 2006. She was the Congressional Angels in Adoption award recipient for the State of Ohio in 2007 and was named National Volunteer of the Year by the MS Society in 2008. Vanita was also honored in 2009 as the Woman Philanthropist of the Year by the Summit County Chapter of the United Way.

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