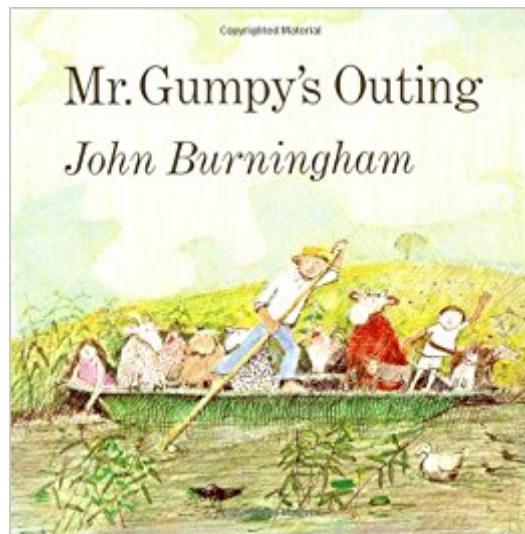


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# Mr. Gumpy's Outing



## **Synopsis**

Mr. Gumpy's Outing is a Boston Globe-Horn Book Award winner and an American Library Association Notable Children's Book. In England, illustrator John Burningham, with Mr. Gumpy's Outing, became the first artist ever to win England's Kate Greenaway Medal twice. Mr. Gumpy lives by a river. One sunny day he decides to take a ride in his small boat. It is such a perfect idea, for such a perfect summer day, that he soon has company: first the children, then the rabbit, the cat, the dog, the pig, the sheep, the chickens, and still others until-- Mr. Gumpy's outing comes to an inevitable but not unhappy, conclusion. "Come for a ride another day," says Mr. Gumpy at the book's end. And young readers will return again and again to this sprightly story with its clever, captivating illustrations that reflect the sunlit quality of a lazy summer afternoon. An ALA Notable Children's Book A New York Times Book Review Best Illustrated Children's Book A Child Study Association Children's Book of the Year A Library of Congress Children's Book of the Year

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 and up

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

One fine morning Mr. Gumpy decides it's a perfect day for an outing in his little boat. Apparently, plenty of others think so, too. First some children ask to join him, then a rabbit, a cat, a dog, a pig, a sheep... Soon, Mr. Gumpy's boat is precariously full, and there's nowhere for anyone else to go--but

overboard! This mild mariner takes everything in stride, though, and his guests are soon bellying up to a nice tea. John Burningham earned the Kate Greenaway Medal, an ALA Notable Children's Book award, and the Boston Globe-Horn Book Award for Mr. Gumpy's Outing, and it's no wonder. This gifted and highly original author-illustrator creates a vision of glorious summer with deeply textured, sometimes only suggested, drawings. His tentatively questioning animals are ready to step right out of the pages and quietly join the delighted reader. And the simple, repetitive dialogue will lull the listener as long as it takes the characters to reach the boat's maximum capacity. Even then, there's no big splash--just an understated, Burningham-esque "and into the water they fell." Young readers will never tire of this gentle, comforting storybook. (Ages 2 to 6) --Emilie Coulter

Despite Mr. Gumpy's warnings to the multitudinous animals and children on his barge, the outing turns soggy when the boat capsizes. Ages 2-6. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Once again, trouble ensues when everyone wants a ride in Mr. Gumpy's boat. It makes for an eventful outing. The kids will love this story and will want it to be read again, and again.

Mr. Gumpy decides to take a ride on his boat on a nice summer day and he finds himself with some interesting company. Mr. Gumpy's Outing is full of unique illustrations that appear to be sketches with black and white on the left and color on the right. I read this story with my four year old and he seemed to enjoy it, but I did not find it particularly interesting. I did really like some of the vocabulary John Burningham used such as squabble, muck, bleating, and trample. These words are not commonly used so they allowed further discussion of the actions of animals. The end also showed how sometimes when things don't go as planned you can still have fun. When the boat tips over, they swim to the shore and go home for tea.

Delightful and charming, both the story and the illustrations. When my 2-1/2-year-old granddaughter discovered it at the library, she was enthralled and wanted to bring it home. That's the best review a book can get!

We borrowed this book from the library and my daughter adored it. Every time we had to return it she immediately noticed its absence and would ask for it again, so we finally just bought it. We were hoping to find the board book version, as my daughter can be a little rough on books. But this was the best price available, and we see it as a good opportunity to teach her how to care for and

respect her books, since she loves this story so.

I love all of John Burningham's books. He is an inventive and witty author. This is a favorite from my childhood, and now my son loves it too. I love how even after the boat tips over in the water because all the animals were misbehaving, Mr. Gumpy's response is only that it is "time for tea."

I recently purchased this book - 36 years after my mother first read it to me as a toddler. I wasn't sure if my memory of it was just imagined or if it really was a lovely, fun, uniquely illustrated (yet simple) tale. The answer came from the reactions of both my son and me: He loved it and has asked me to read it repeatedly for a week. I love reading it and am charmed both by all the memory bells it rings, and also by the sweet new memories my son and I are building together while bonding over love of this book.

Both my boys and I loved this book, so I bought this for a gift.

Greatest book ever written. And it's a board book!

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