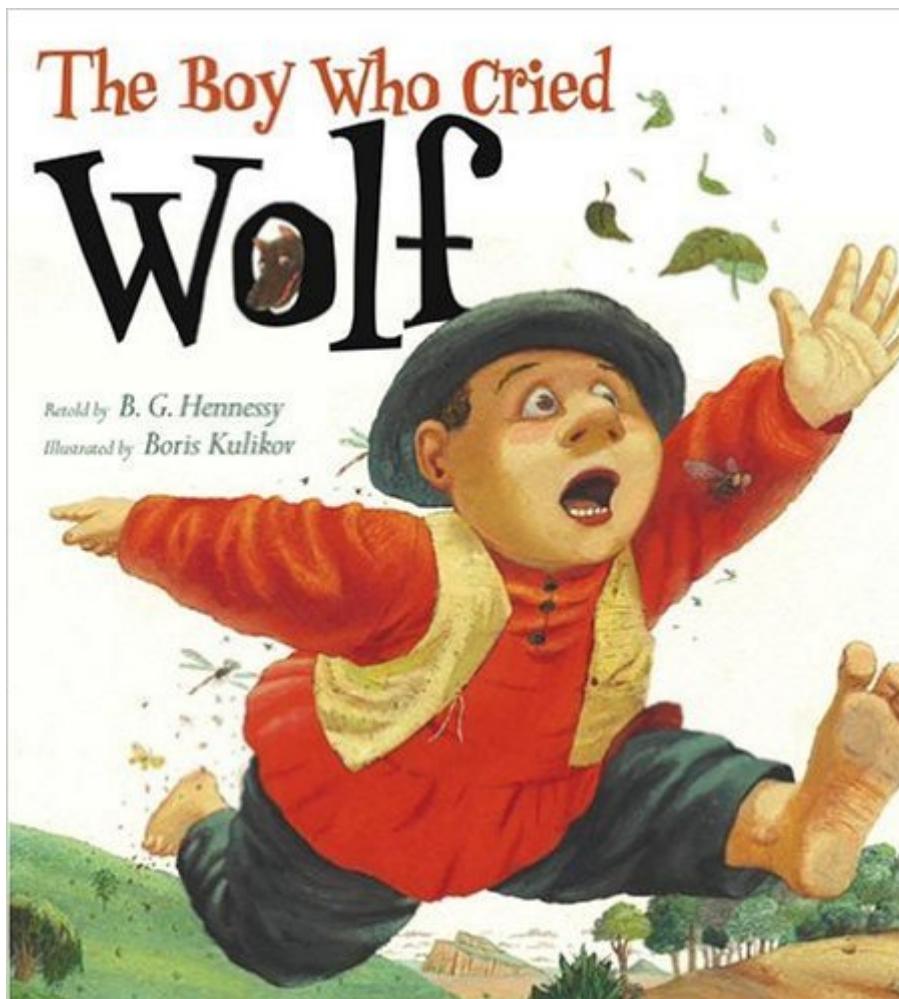


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The Boy Who Cried Wolf



Synopsis

"Nothing ever happens here," the shepherd thinks. But the bored boy knows what would be exciting: He cries that a wolf is after his sheep, and the town's people come running. How often can that trick work, though? B.G. Hennessy's retelling of this timeless fable is infused with fanciful whimsy through Boris Kulikov's hilarious and ingenious illustrations. This tale is sure to leave readers grinning sheepishly.

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Age Range: 3 - 8 years

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Customer Reviews

An interesting retelling of the classic Aesop's Fable where the author sticks closely to the original story adding in a nice chorus that children can participate in (if used as a read aloud) or which serve to make easier the task of an emerging independent reader (repetition is always welcome when readers are just starting out). What really makes this story shine are the illustrations...they are fantastic. I love that the author gives the story some repetition and at the same times the illustrations give us so much to look at. The "village" off in the distance is rather a hodge-podge of buildings that very nearly gives it the appearance of a modern city-scape in miniature. The sheep's expressions and activities are adorable, funny and, at times, completely outlandish (they wear blindfolds and even play what may be the cutest game of leap frog EVAR)! As the villagers rush out to answer his cry of WOLF there is another fine use of repetition (on each of their trips out they say No wolf in the pasture, No wolf on the hill, No wolf in the forest). Additionally, the villages (like the village itself) are

a hodge-podge of people; you get your usual peasants carrying rakes and pitchforks but also in the mix are rather modern looking folk in suits and hats or casual wear (including ball caps) to the more outlandish characters (a knight in full armor, a three musketeer looking guy)...there are even people with umbrellas, jousting lances and a baseball bat!!! I thought the ending fairly traditional...and the illustration at the end with the VERY worried looking boy and the sheep going unnoticed by him huddled at the top of the tree to be very charming and my children found that to be so funny as to roll on the floor laughing.

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