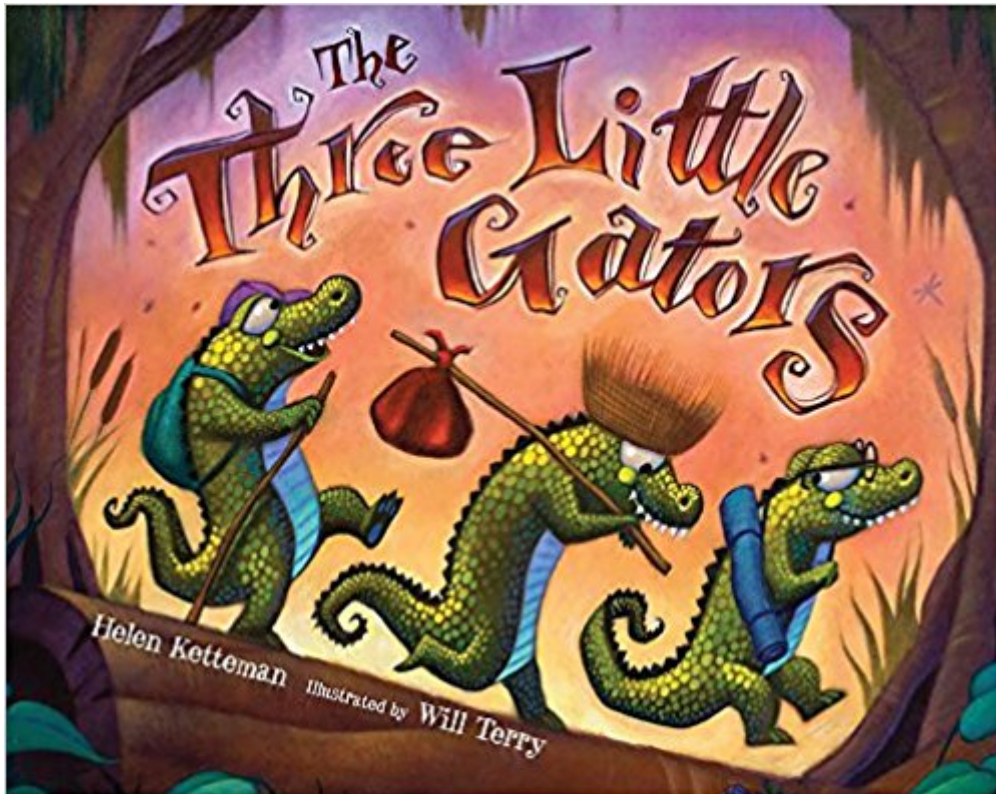




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# The Three Little Gators



## Synopsis

A delightfull retelling of the three little pigs story. Three little gators strike out on their own in an east Texas swamp. Their mother warns them to build strong houses that can protect them from Big-bottomed Boar, who likes to eat tasty, tender gators for his snack. Soon, First Gator builds himself a nice house out of rocks. Second Gator reckons rocks are too much work, so he builds his house with sticks. And Third Gator's house of sand is the easiest one to build! But soon Big-bottomed Boar shows up. With a bump, bump, bump of the fierce boar's rump, he knocks over Third Gator's house of sand. It doesn't take long for that rump to bump Second Gator's house of sticks. But he can't knock over Third Gator's house of stones, so he tries another way in - through the chimney! Guess what happens to the Boar's rump after that?!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Readers-particularly from the Lone Star State-who can't get enough of the original Three Little Pigs may enjoy this Texan transformation from the team behind Armadilly Chili. Kettelman's story features three gap-toothed young gators who outwit the Big-bottomed Boar, but the tag lines are not quite as memorable as the original wolf's huffing and puffing. When he's refused entry to the gators' houses, the boar threatens, "Then I'll wiggle my rump with a bump, bump, bump and smash your

house!" The neon gators are differentiated only by a straw hat, a baseball cap, and a pair of glasses (which naturally belong to the smartest gator, who builds his house out of rocks). Ketteman adds a subtle-if somewhat didactic-message about sloth by having the gators scorn each others' building materials ("Bad choice.... Rocks are heavy and too much work"). Still, folksy details in both text ("Third Gator ran faster than a fox after a muskrat") and art (a bottle of boar sauce sits next to the fireplace, as the boar earns some grill marks) should entertain. Ages 4-8. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

The creators of *Armadilly Chili* (2004), a Texas slant on the "Little Red Hen," are back with an adaptation of the "Three Little Pigs" set in an east Texas swamp. To protect themselves from the Big-bottomed Boar, the alligators build their houses with the usual materials (rocks, sticks, and sand). Encountering the sand house, the Big-bottomed Boar follows through on his threat to "wiggle my rump with a bump, bump, bump and smash your house!" The result: "Sand flew everywhere" while the Little Gator escapes "faster than a fox after a muskrat" to the stick house, and so on. Loaded with plenty of outlandish action from the bug-eyed, cartoonish characters rendered in glimmering colors, this would make a rip-roaring group read-aloud. Pair this with one of the many more traditional versions of the tale or use an adaptation such as *The Three Little Fish and the Big Bad Shark* by Ken Geist (2007) or *The Three Little Javelinas* by Susan Lowell (1992). Preschool-Grade 2. --Randall Enos

A different spin on The Three Little Pigs - super!!!!

I stumbled on this book while visiting family in Texas. I thought it was a blast to read it out loud to my 4year old son. Even though it is a retelling of a classic, reading it with a deep Texas drawl right after visiting the family is awesome to my son! I really hope this stays with him as fun memories of Texas.

A great and welcome change from the three pigs! I loved how it was set in a place that my kiddos can relate to. My kindergartners LOVED it and we did a whole unit using this book!

Purchased for my classroom. Children loved the books. They were at a level east for all students to read and enjoy.

One of our families favorite books! We now buy it as presents for everyone elses kid too :o)

I chose this because it seemed like it would be a fun story. It turned out to be a pretty cool twist to the traditional three little pigs. It still has the same message that a little hard work pays off, but turns the story around a bit. I would recommend this to anyone who likes the Three Little Pigs story. My 4 year old loves it too!

Such a cute variation of The Three Little Pigs.

This was a gift for a kindergarten teacher. Her students love it.

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