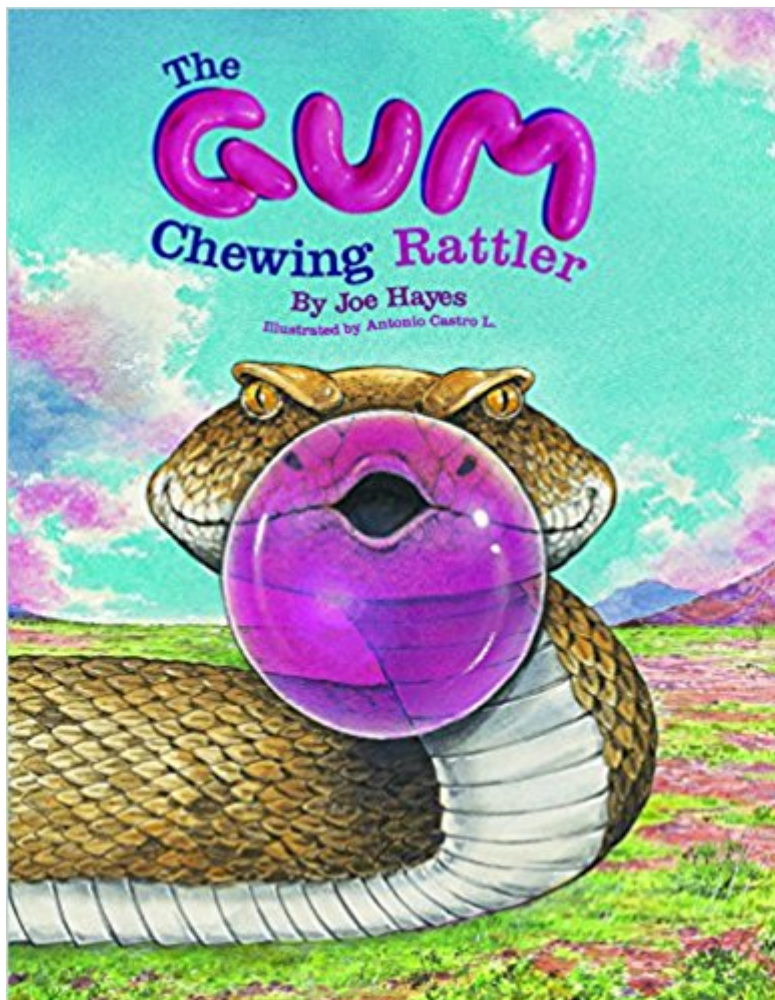


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The Gum-Chewing Rattler



Synopsis

Kids always want Joe Hayes to tell The Gum-Chewing Rattler. And why not? It combines so many things kids love to doâchew bubble gum, tell tall tales, and drive their moms crazyâwith the wild, impossible claim that a rattlesnake chewed gum and blew a bubble with it! You see, when Joe was a boy, thatâs what he told his motherâthat bubble gum saved him from a rattlesnakeâs fangs! Really! Donât worryâJoeâs mother didnât believe him either. In 2005, Joe Hayes received the Talking Leaves Award from the National Storytelling Network for his contributions to the literature of storytelling.

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 12 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 6

Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 3âHayes spins a yarn purportedly derived from his boyhood in a small town in Arizona. The story involves his penchant for chewing wads of bubblegum, his mother's exasperation with the resultant messes, and an encounter with an angry rattlesnake. The large, two-page illustrations depict the exaggerations of this tall tale perfectly with varying perspectives on the child's encounter with the creature, bright shades of gold and turquoise, and an emphasis on pink (of course). Endpapers repeat the bold pink with splashes of a paler hue, framing a fun book for just about any kid; boys, especially, will love it.âJudith Constantinides, formerly at East Baton Rouge Parish Main Library, LA Copyright Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc.

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"Hayes himself appears at the beginning and end, recalling to a small group of listeners how, as a lad, he changed his mother's irritated tune about keeping bubblegum in his shirt pockets." "Castro exaggerates the expressions on his human characters and gives the rattler a fiercely intense air of menace for this brief and thoroughly believable (right?) tale." "Kirkus Reviews" "The large, two-page illustrations depict the exaggerations of this tall tale perfectly with varying perspectives on the child's encounter with the creature, bright shades of gold and turquoise, and an emphasis on pink (of course). Endpapers repeat the bold pink with splashes of a paler hue, framing a fun book for just about any kid; boys, especially, will love it." "School Library Journal" "An upbeat and playful story, perfectly accentuated by the wry yet realistic art." "Midwest Book Review" "Veteran storyteller Hayes masterfully spins a kid-pleasing tall-tale from the Arizona desert." "A surefire storytime pleaser." "Children's Literature

fantastic story and even better illustrations. A super fun book. Just not sure if it is a true story or not. doesn't really let us know, even though the author is the one telling it.

I was looking for a book to read to my granddaughter's 2nd grade class and wanted one that I thought would appeal to both boys and girls. I saw that this book had some good reviews so I ordered it. I have to say I was disappointed. The pictures are excellent but the story is lacking. The beginning and middle of the story are OK but the end is, in my opinion, very anticlimactic. Some reviewers said it was funny but I didn't find much humor. I am a retired primary teacher and have read zillions of books in my time, but this one just didn't make the grade for me.

Students will love this tall tale of a little boy who is addicted to bubblegum and almost meets his fate while walking in the desert one afternoon. But thanks to the spare bubblegum that he keeps in the pocket of his shirt the rattlesnake meets his fate instead. This book leaves your audience sitting at the edge of their seats literally. With one question... Was this really real?

Vividly illustrated, well-told tall tale...or maybe true tale? A boy has a habit of carrying packs of bubblegum in his shirt pocket. One day, out daydreaming while walking in the desert, he steps on a rattlesnake. What happens next is hair-raising and hilarious.

I bought this on a recommendation for a lesson with fourth grade students. Everyone loved this book. The lesson was a success.

Great book to use when teaching unit on Tall Tales.

Really fun pictures and a cute story. My 6 year old loves it!

Adorable story!

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