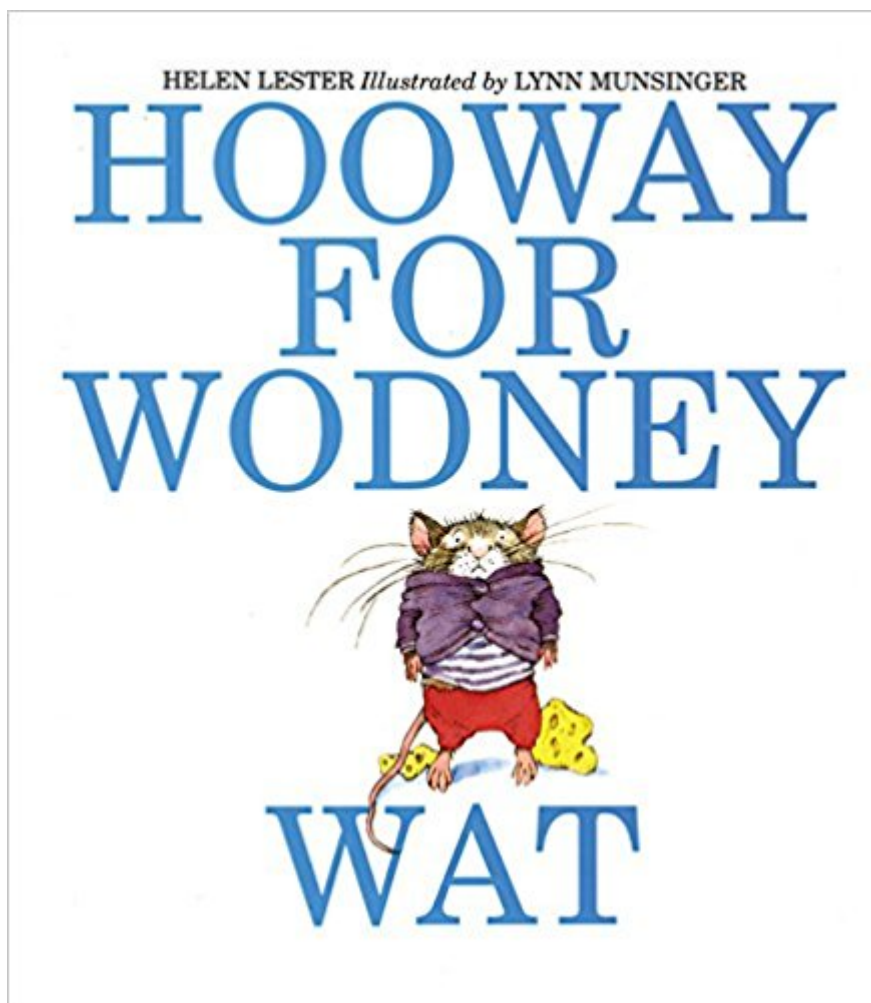


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# Hooway For Wodney Wat



## Synopsis

Poor Rodney Rat can't pronounce his R's and the other rodents tease him mercilessly. But when Camilla Capybara joins Rodney's class and announces that she is bigger, meaner, and smarter than any of the other rodents, everyone is afraid. It seems she really is bigger, meaner, and smarter than all of the rest of them. Until our unwitting hero, Wodney Wat, catches Camilla out in a game of Simon Says. Read along with Wodney as he surprises himself and his classmates by single-handedly saving the whole class from the big bad bully. Children will delight as shy Rodney Rat triumphs over all and his tiny voice decides the day, R's or no R's.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2--Poor Rodney Rat is teased mercilessly by all the other rodents because he can't pronounce his R's in this beginning to read title by Helen Lester (Houghton, 1999). When Camilla Capybara joins the class and announces that she is bigger, meaner, and smarter than any of the other rodents, everyone is afraid, especially Wodney. One day he unwittingly catches Camilla out in a game of Simon Says, and surprises himself and saves his classmates from big bully Camilla. This retelling nicely reflects Wodney's transformation from shy rodent with a speech

impediment to hero of the class. Narration is accompanied by synthesized music and some sound effects. Side one includes page-turning signals (that sound like a small rodent being squeezed), while side two contains an uninterrupted reading. This book and tape set will be popular in school and public libraries.--Shauna Yusko, King County Library System, Bellevue, WA Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

PreSchool-Grade 3-A shy rat who can't pronounce his r's rises to the occasion and outsmarts a new student who terrorizes the classroom. An ego booster for any child who has ever been bullied or teased, with illustrations that exude charm and personality. (May) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Wonderfully illustrated book about Rodney Rat who calls himself "Wodney Wat." Wodney has a speech impediment and can't say his r's. Wodney is very insecure about his speech problem and is humiliated at school around all of his classmates. Wodney didn't like to speak at all. One day, a new student comes to school who intimidates everyone at school. Wodney is scared to death about what the new student will do when she hear's him talk. One day during recess, Wodney is the leader of the game "Simon says." Wodney's life turns gets turned around and he "comes out of his shell," and becomes popular. Great book for speech therapy with lessons on being confident and embracing your differences.

Such a fun book! Fun on its own, but great to use in teaching acceptance, how children grow at different rates in different areas, and humor.

This is a wonderful book, so well-plotted and well-illustrated that the story has an effortless flow to it. Yes, Rodney is miserable at first because the other rodents make fun of his speech difficulty: kids and adults can relate to this. Rodney becomes even more miserable when the huge, incredibly-smart Camilla Capybara joins his class and intimidates everybody in it. And then, to make matters even worse, Rodney is assigned the role of sayer in Simon Says. The other rodents compensate for Rodney's inability to say the letter "R" -- they do what he means, not what he says. Camilla, however, doesn't know Rodney, or any of the other rodents. Camilla is focused exclusively on herself. She thinks she is the biggest, the smartest, and the best. She hears what Rodney says and she does what he says. While other rodents "read" the sign, Camilla hears "weed the sign" and

begins to weed it. Soon Rodney understands what is happening. He sees that, by using his speech difficulty, he can get the other rodents to "go rest," but he can get Camilla to "go west." Rodney becomes a hero, as he deserves to be because he uses his skills to achieve a desired result.

This book was recommended to me by another teacher during a training. I thought it sounded fantastic, but when I actually read it, I was pretty underwhelmed. It's over the heads of most of the preschoolers, and I just didn't think was that great anyway. I think the point of the book is supposed to be that rat who is different and was once made fun of is the hero at the end, but the poor rat's heroism is totally unintentional. Even when I read it with first graders, I don't think many of them understood it or related to it very well. Nice concept, but not fully baked.

I am a speech pathologist. Christine Ristuccia recommended this book in one of her online seminars, so I ordered it. Great for auditory bombardment and working on auditory discrimination skills. Kids LOVE to correct their SLP. This shows me they are listening and monitoring my speech and hopefully making headway to do that with their own speech. Cute book.

This is such a cute story!

I bought this book to give to my nieces and nephews for Christmas because I know how great it is! And, can you imagine the conversations that can be had about bullying, and how many people have speech disabilities, but it's okay. I read this book to my students at the beginning of each year, because the content is so timely.

Every speech pathologist needs this in her library for those kids with R problems. It's such a cute story, and it motivates children to correct this very difficult sound quickly.

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