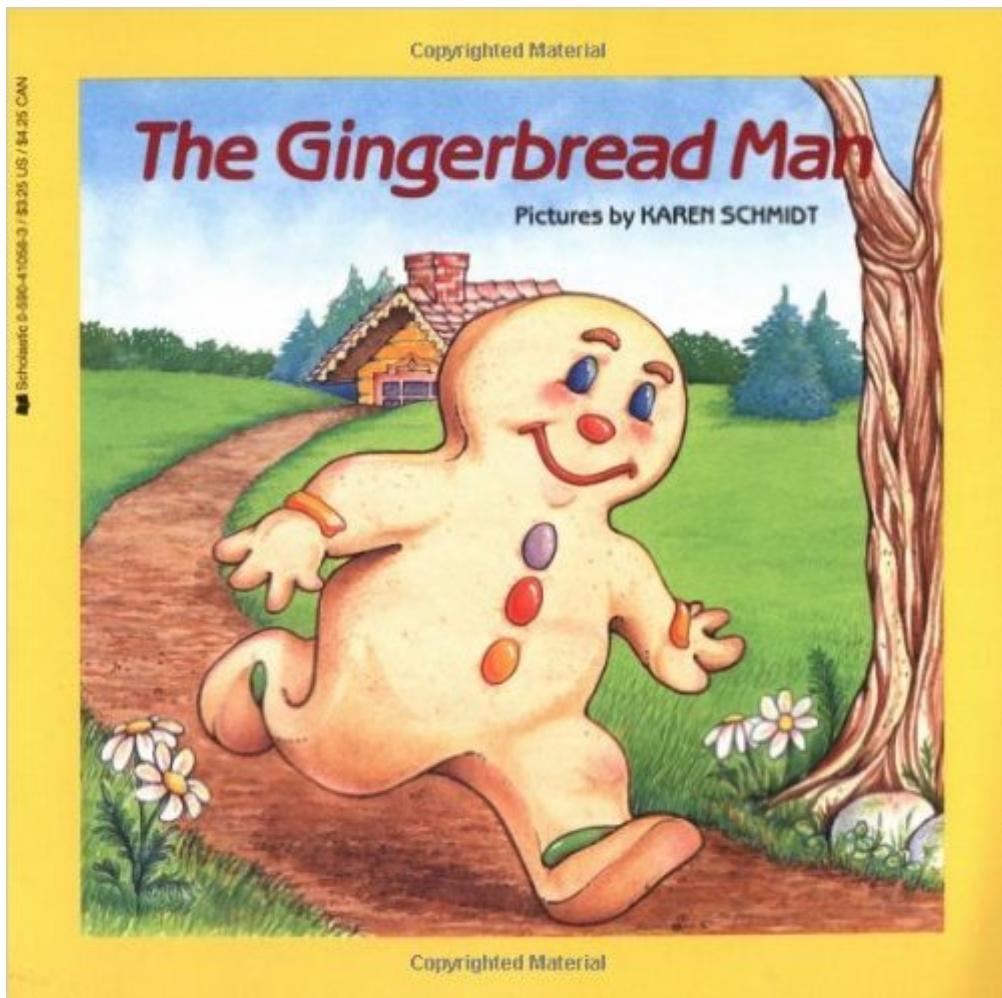


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# The Gingerbread Man (Easy-to-Read Folktales)



## **Synopsis**

The gingerbread man outruns everybody, until he meets the quick-witted fox.

## **Book Information**

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Series: Easy-to-Read Folktales

Paperback: 31 pages

Publisher: Scholastic Inc; Reissue edition (1985)

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

My 3 year old loves this book. The illustrations are funny at the end of the story where the gingerbread man is actually "yelling" to the fox. I bought this as party favors for his birthday party. P.s. this story starts differently than the original. It does not talk about a woman who wanted a child so badly.... instead it just starts out that there was a man, a woman and a child ....

The version of the Gingerbread Man is good for first grade readers. The gingerbread man runs away from the little boy, the old woman and man, the farmers, a bear, a wolf and meets a fox at the end who just eats him up on the path - there is no crossing the river at the end. It's a good book for the price, and great for a beginner reader.

I love this version of the Gingerbread Man. The wording is set up for easy characterizations, allowing the story to come to life. The illustrations cover the entire page too. I read this book over

and over to my nursery preschool class, and they never got tired of it. With each reading, they seemed more engaged and began to say the phrases right along with me.

This version of the Gingerbread man is pretty close to what I remember as a child. At some points it seems a bit repetitious but I believe that the original was as well. Its a fun story for a snow day, when you are home baking cookies.

This is always the first one I read to start off my gingerbread unit with my special needs preschoolers. It is simple, clear, predictable, and the children quickly catch on to the "Run, run as fast as you can...". I personally love the "come a little closer" version of this book rather than the river and "climb on my nose" version. So do my students, but that might be because I follow this story with a cookie they have to ask to come a little closer until they eat it. (We do this with "The Gingerbread kid Goes to School" too. For that one the children say "1,2,3,4,5 gotcha".) Once the children are familiar with this version, they are able to enjoy and compare some of the longer versions. I bought 2 additional copies for the classroom library.

This delightful tale is still as engaging for children today as it was decades ago. Repetition and memory are part of this story. The refrain of, "You can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man," has the child repeating it right along with you as you read it aloud. And children like recalling the characters from whom the gingerbread man is running: the little boy, the old man and woman, the farmers, etc. The pictures are large and colorful, too. I presented this along with a gingerbread man cookie cutter to a 4 1/2 year-old and her mommy. When I saw how much the little girl liked decorating my own cookies, I realized what a wonderful gift this could be, as it was not only a project for the two of them to enjoy, but the child loved the book and would have fond memories for years to come, each time she read it.

I was hoping this book would be easier for my students who read a lower levels. Luckily they were very familiar with this story since this is part of a big unit on the Gingerbread Man. I would level this about an H or I on Fountas and Pinnell.

I have a 9 yr old with CP and I took this book apart and laminated it and punched holes in the laminated part. She loves it. Wonder World Kids on YouTube reads it and she loves to follow along. It would have been nice if it came in a board book, but the lamination works and it is inexpensive if

you order the lamination sheets on .

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