



# The Importance of Mother Goose

used for centuries  
to teach and entertain

## The Cat and the Fiddle

**Hey, diddle diddle!  
The cat and the fiddle,  
The cow jumped over the moon;**

**The little dog laughed  
to see such sport,  
And the dish ran away with the spoon.**

Mother Goose rhymes are musical sounding and easy to memorize, with vivid word-pictures and cockeyed logic that has universal child appeal.

Primary school teachers count on their new pupils already knowing and loving their Mother Goose rhymes before starting school.

Mother Goose rhymes are of mysterious origin (making them a subject for serious scholars), but they somehow always seem fresh to the newcomer.

Mother Goose rhymes are often imitated, seldom equaled, although Shel Silverstein, Dennis Bynon Lee and Dr. Seuss are heirs to the Mother Goose Tradition.

## Some Great Mother Goose Titles:



**The Many Colors of Mother Goose**, Cheryl Willis Hudson  
**Here Comes Mother Goose**, Iona Opie, ed.  
**Best Mother Goose Ever**, Richard Scarry

**The Original Mother Goose**, Blanche Fisher Wright. Based on the 1916 classic

