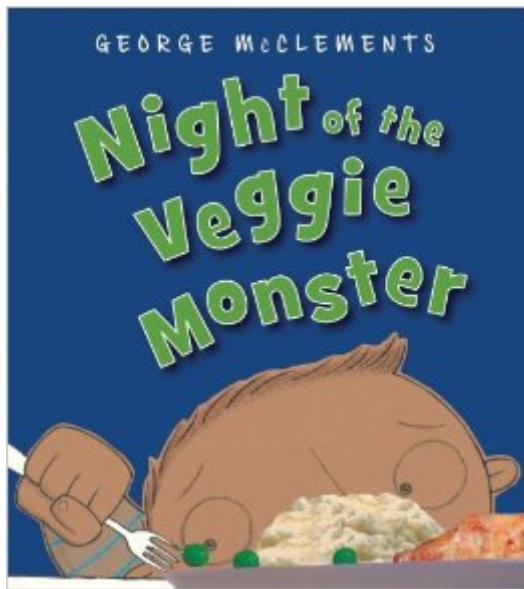


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# Night Of The Veggie Monster



## Synopsis

When a single pea touches the lips of this determined vegetable hater, our hero doesn't cry, whine, or refuse to swallow. He turns into a VEGGIE MONSTER! Ready to smash the chairs! Ready to tip the table! Ready to . . . GULP . . . down his peas? With inventive mixed-media illustrations and a short, snappy text that combines a child's dinnertime drama with a hilarious parents'-eye-view, George McClements has created a wry and funny story that just might inspire a few veggie monsters out there to give peas a chance.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 1

## Customer Reviews

I love reading books with multiple voices for me to embody. This book was so much fun to perform for my First Graders. It is part of the Lucy Calkins new Reading Program. If I had known the program provided the books on the side, I would have waited. They came to my school separately. Otherwise, sweet story!

I just borrowed this from the Library today and my 2 and 4 year old sons loved it! My 4 year old had me read it to him several times and he was cracking up through the whole book. We'll definitely be purchasing a copy for ourselves!

What a cute story about the little boy who is so dramatic about eating his vegetables. This is a wonderful story to read to First Graders and teach the components of a **SMALL MOMENT** story (good details, expression, bold words, etc.). This is an excellent book to add to any K-2 teacher's Read Aloud book collection. I am **VERY** satisfied with the quality of the product and the seller.

I can relate to kids who don't like their vegetables. I've been slow in coming around myself. As a kid, I was known to pull the old switcheroo and hide the veggies in the nearest napkin. "Night of the Veggie Monster" uses humor, inventive illustrations, and descriptive language in an attempt to reach kids who don't like the green stuff. The story is told from the perspective of our unnamed protagonist and veggie disliker. Upon receiving his dinner plate containing three peas, his "we've been through this before" parents know what to expect. Our hero tries one of the peas and the transformation begins. Wiggly fingers, curled up toes, and watery eyes all lead up to the main event: full fledged veggie monster. The change does not last long however, as the monster eventually swallows said pea, realizing that maybe they're not as bad as he first thought. The way the main character deals with the consumption of a solitary pea is something kids will identify with: As the pea rests in my mouth, my eyes begin to water. That's a great line, and one that true veggie haters will relate to. You don't want to touch the food with your tongue, you don't want to chew, you just kind of let it rest there in your mouth while you figure out what to do next. The mixed media illustrations stand out for their originality. McClements creates a world where photographs mingle with simple line drawings. The characters appear to be drawn on brown paper, cut out, and placed in their surroundings. It's a unique touch. While I have yet to test it out, "Night of the Veggie Monster" is a likely pick for storytime. Its vivid descriptions are ripe for the interpretin'. A solid picture book selection.

I am a Kindergarten teacher and after I read this book to my students, I ended up purchasing multiple copies to share with them. I love this book! My students love this book! I highly recommend this book!!!!

I am telling you about The Night of the Veggie Monster. I love this book so much because I used to not like peas at all, but I didn't know for sure because I hadn't eaten one yet until now. I read the book. Now I love peas. It is about a boy that hates peas. Every Tuesday night he has peas. Tonight he is going to have peas. So he sits down and stares at his peas. I really love this book. I enjoy it so much I never put it down. It is very funny. My favorite character is the boy. My favorite part is when the boy does many hilarious things. I won't tell you what they are. I will leave it up to

you to read it and find them on your own. I recommend this to children four to ten years old. I also recommend this book to people that like laughing. I hope you love this book!

I bought this book today and was fortunate enough to have the author/illustrator autograph it and read it at our local children's bookstore. My son loved it so much that he requested it again tonight at bedtime. The little boy in the story does not like vegetables, and with just one taste of a tiny pea, he turns into a veggie monster. Of course, he doesn't literally become a monster, but his eyes start to water, and he squirms and wiggles and twists until he falls out of his chair and swallows the pea. He discovers that "It tasted all right, really." He decides that peas are okay, but danger lurks just around the corner because on the next night, he's served... broccoli! My son laughed at all the silly motions, and I laughed at the parents' conversation that McClements managed to sneak in. Overall, this is a really fun book!

In search of a way to get my oldest to eat more than just carrots when it comes to vegetables, my husband came across this book during a visit to the library - it was a major hit! The writing is quick and snappy and funny, even my three-year-old finds it hilarious. It is easy to read dramatically as many words are bolded and in extra large fonts. The pictures are great fun - sort of a scrapbook of pictures and drawings. My personal favorite is that the parents have little speech bubbles that they interject their thoughts on the whole thing - you see the little boy is narrating how peas can have a certain effect on him. My son likes the fact that the narrator doesn't want to eat his peas because they make his "fingers wiggly" and his "toes curl up", which of course he has to act out while we read. My most surprising part of this book - my son actually ate a pea after reading this! Yep on his own, he had to become the veggie monster and eat a pea! So as far as I am concerned here is a book that will help your kids eat their peas! Way to go McClements on a great book for my kid! (read more at my book review blog: [...] /)

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