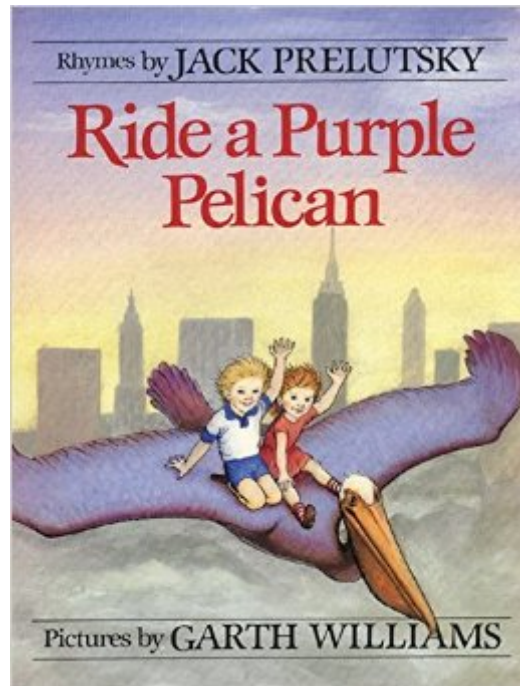


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# Ride A Purple Pelican (Mulberry Books)



## Synopsis

It is hard to believe that Cincinnati Patty, Justin Austin, Pennington Poe, and the little pink pig in Arkansas have not been chanted and sung about by children for generations. But it is not hard to believe that they will be chanted and sung about for generations to come! Jack Prelutsky and Garth Williams have created a nursery world, peopled with unforgettable characters. Come and meet your new friends. They will be old friends soon!

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

For those who appreciate silliness, whimsy, and the supple flow of language used well, this book is an absolute delight. While many children's book authors try using rhyme in their works, few do it with the gracefulness and sense of sheer fun that poet Jack Prelutsky brings to the form. Add to his words the colorful, kooky draftsmanship of artist Garth Williams, and you've got an instant classic. These ditties combine elegant feel of A. A. Milne's poems with the giddy abandon of good, old-fashioned limericks. Most of all, they are fun to read, and equally fun to listen to... And don't be surprised if you and your kids wind up memorizing a few of them, to recite for years to come. Highly recommended!

I give this book most of the credit for the fact that my 3 year old was the first in his pre-school class to understand rhyming. It's easy and fun to read with a lot of interesting animals (like kudus) and place names (like Saskatchewan). The beautiful illustrations add to its delight. This is easily my favorite book to read to the kids.

Prelutsky's nursery rhymes are just what the young children need for their language development. they include places and artifacts from the American culture that English speaking children can pick up, and second language learners can learn. The first poem my young son, three years old, memorized was Late One Night in Kalamazoo.

This author of poetry, to me, as a songwriter and Mommy, is UP THERE with Shel Silverstein. My kids and I have the best memories reading these poems together. and the last poem has the word New York in it so that's cool. The poems are uber exciting and illustrations phenominal. I love this illustrator. FUN FUN FUN!!!!!! Buy this!

This book is a classic! Excellent and unusual rhymes with fun, colorful illustrations to go with them. It was a "most demanded" by our kids and after decades we remember by heart many of them. A great gift!

The rhymes were a bit tricky to read and I'm not sure if my almost-four-year-old understood them all, but she enjoyed the sing-song sound of them, when I didn't flub reading! She liked the illustrations and I did to, as I have a particular fondness for Garth Williams, who has illustrated some great books from my childhood.

We are big fans of Jack Prelutsky, so I have been trying to track down as many books as possible. Much to my surprise, this book was in the "Easy Non-fiction" section of our library. I don't generally think of Jack Prelutsky's poems (\_It's Raining Pigs and Noodles\_ and \_Pizza the Size of the Sun\_) as particularly easy... his clever use of words is as much a delight to adults as his silly poems (much in the vein of Dr. Seuss) are to children. This collection, however, contains much simpler poems, oriented to young children. My three-year-old likes them very much, but will probably out-grow them soon, while we'll be able to read \_Pigs and Noodles\_ and \_Pizza\_, or even \_The Baby Uggs are Hatching\_ to her for a long time.

This book is a classic. We read it to our kids 25 years ago; of all the children's books in our collection, it was my favorite. I haven't looked at it in almost 20 years, but still remember "Ride a purple pelican, ride a silver stork. Ride it from Seattle to the city of New York. Soar above the buildings, bobble like a cork. Ride a purple pelican, ride a silver stork." Get the hardback version - you'll wear the paperback out.

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