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# Stone Soup (Aladdin Picture Books)



## Synopsis

Clever soldiers outwit greedy townspeople with the creation of a special soup in this cherished classic, a Caldecott Honor book. First published in 1947, this picture book classic has remained one of Marcia Brown's most popular and enduring books. This story, about three hungry soldiers who outwit the greedy inhabitants of a village into providing them with a feast, is based on an old French tale.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

This old French tale about soldiers who trick miserly villages into making them a feast won a Caldecott Medal when Brown retold and illustrated it in 1947. Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Three soldiers came marching down the road towards a French village. The peasants seeing them coming, suddenly became very busy, for soldiers are often hungry. So all the food was hidden under mattresses or in barns. There followed a battle of wits, with the soldiers equal to the occasion. Stone soup? Why, of course, they could make a wonderful soup of stones...but, of course, one must add a carrot or two...some meat...so it went. Marcia Brown has made of this old tale a very gay

book, a carnival of activity, of dancing and laughter. So much goes on in the pictures that children who have once heard the story will turn to them again and again, retelling the story for themselves. A French version of the story is available under the title Une Drole de Soupe.END --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I was able to offer this story from my grade school years as a gift for my niece's expected little boy. I think Captain Kangaroo read me this story. The story helps us understand the miracle of the Loaves and Fishes by showing a village of scared people sharing their hoarded food and by doing so ending up with more than enough for everyone. They all experience the uplifting of the a celebration in well done, familiar illustrations.

I've loved this book since I was little and Captain Kangaroo used to read it! This year it is going in the grandchildren's easter basket. I do wish they would re do it into more of a picture book.

Stone Soup is classic Children's Literature, still relevant in today's world. I read it when I was a child and still use it in my own classroom. The theme involves giving to others in need, and how our perspective about giving can change, depending on circumstances. Giving to others usually brings its own rewards. Three soldiers are passing through a town during wartime, needing food and shelter. The townspeople are not receptive or forthcoming with food. The visitors employ a little reverse psychology and invite the townspeople to help them make, and share, stone soup. As their curiosity gets the best of them, the townspeople share what they have and the entire town enjoys a festive evening of food and dance. They are offered the finest beds in town for the evening. They leave the next morning with the townspeople's blessing, remarking, "It's all in the knowing how!

When I was young I listened to Captain Kangaroo read this story live on TV. I remembered it from way back because I thought the story was very interesting tale of human nature and curiosity. I would recommend this book to anyone who has little ones. They will find it to be a good story of human nature. Also not a bad read for the adults.

was for my grandson! he read another version with animals but i wanted him to have the original story!

Actually a superb "character building" and leadership lesson, right up there with "what I learned in

kindergarten" genre.Used many times as mentoring tool with less experienced managers... Who wouldn't want a boss that achieved the goals and have everyone happy during the journey, seeing their ideas adopted and finally, enjoying the fruits of their labor with 'the team".Plus, "bosses" , would prefer they be liked, not feared :-)

Beautiful story that says a lot about how we all benefit from putting together and sharing our spare resources. Absolutely inspiring.

Had this book when I was a kid now I can read it to my grand kids. it has remained the same

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