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When four big chickens see a wolf sneaking near their coop, they run into the woods to hide. But for a bunch of big chickens, running away from danger isn't as easy as it looks. As they continue on their way, they wonder: What if they get stuck in a ditch? What if they hit an iceberg in the lake? What if they step into a cow patty? "Ewww!" Brimming with silliness and the kind of slapstick humor small children love, here's a rollicking read-aloud with an uplifting message and a very satisfying ending. Henry Cole's hilarious artwork captures all the sly humor."

Big Chickens Details

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Joy Reinbold says

I honestly liked the sequel, "Big Chickens Fly the Coop," much better. The same exact concept is used, but it is executed better in the later book than in this first one.

Kest Schwartzman says

cute. Good for (repeated) readings aloud with the small people in your life.

Megan McReynolds says

1. Title: Big Chickens
 2. Rating: 3 Stars
 3. Review: I gave this book three stars because I feel that the plot was pretty predictable and could be too drawn out for little ones. I did, however, like the repetition of the "me, too" "me three" "me four!". I also think this could be a fun movement book for the classroom!
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Ms. Mielke's Class Make sure you post how your sheets tell you to!!!! says

This book is about four chickens who go on an crazy adventure after running away from their coop when they see a wolf. They encounter many new things and lots of trouble along the way. I think this was a good childrens book and would recommend it to anybody who likes funny silly books. I thought the best part was when they got chased by cows. I hope you liked this book as much as I did. RA

This book is about four chickens that take a long adventure through the woods, cow pasture, lake, and a cave. Their whole trip started when the chickens saw a wolf in the farmyard. This is a funny book that I would recommend to young readers. HG

This book is a very funny book I thought it was about four chickens who were almost afraid of everything. I liked this book because it sort of teaches you that just because your smaller doesn't mean your not tougher. I recommend this book to anyone who is small and doesn't think their tough. SS

This book is a good book. It is about four chickens that are afraid of everything see a wolf by their coop so they run away from it. They run into the woods. They go on a crazy journey and learn how not to be scared.BS

Sassy says

I didn't realize that Big Chickens was a play on words when I opened this up. The chickens in this tale are cowards. It is fun to read, has some repetition (perhaps rhyme I don't recall). I read it aloud to a large group; they had heard it before so I'm not sure about how kids react upon hearing it for the first time. It is kind of funny; the chickens in the story act like real chickens, they just talk and get lost.

There's a surprise ending.

I'd give it to: Young children and their caregivers, those wanting a humorous story to share.

Pair it with: Rabbit and the Not-So-Big-Bad Wolf and other kid-friendly fractured tales with a twist, maybe even Little Pea and the books in those series. File under stories with a funny twist.

Kelly says

This is a fun book, although it's a bit wordy for a picture book.

Relyn says

One of the important parts of writer's workshop is modeling for your students. What this really means is that I need to work on writing my own children's book so that I can do it in front of my students. I need to literally show them what I mean. Writing a good children's book is less easy than you might think, in spite of how my kids make it look. *Big Chickens* is the first book to ever make me think I might can do it. Leslie Helakoski hit a grand slam with this one. Her pun, the excellent vocabulary, the repeating lines and rhythm of the book - all of it came together in one big AHA! moment for me. I LOVED this book!

Ashley Adkins says

My boys, ages 8 and 9, love the play on the words "big chickens"! We enjoyed the story and it has the repetitiveness in its text that is good for the younger children. However, it did seem a little long. The art was fun and the boys enjoyed looking out for the bad guy on each page.

Cari McIntyre says

"Big Chickens" tells a story of three chickens that are scared to do everything. From leaving the coop, to meeting cows the chickens seem to have their worst nightmare realized on every page. Finally, when they find themselves alone in a cave with a wolf, the chickens begin to jump and scream and finally scare the wolf away. They realize that they aren't as scared as they think they are and turn the phrase "big chickens" into a good thing. This story is great for beginner readers because the text is short and simple and helps the reader

along by repeating the same phrases and leading the reader to the right conclusions. The illustrations are also very helpful and add to the story. The characters in the book are also familiar to young readers, as chickens and farm animals appear in many children's books and stories.

Caranna says

BIG Chickens is packed with fun! This book tells the story of four cowardly chickens. They are afraid of everything! They spend so much time worrying about the "what ifs" that they are thrown into some situations that were far scarier than they needed to be.

The repetition is fun for kids who like to "help" read the story, as each new situation produces the same response from the frightened chickens.

The chickens find a sense of pride and self-reliance as they overcome one of their biggest fears.

Ellie McGarvey says

Such a creative and fun book! The art is wonderful and easy to follow

Keyan says

Hilarious story about 4 cowardly chickens who in the end realize that had enough chicken guts to do everything they were afraid of. Children loved it!

Lori says

Great alliteration, great rhymes...super fun for an every night read!!

Diane says

Four chickens venture away from their coop because a wolf has entered the farmyard. And through their journey, they find out they are braver than they thought.

Great illustrations.

Erin says

A funny story about being brave.
