The Enormous Carrot

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Synopsis
A group learns the value of teamwork as one animal after another joins in the effort to pull a giant carrot out of the ground. Based on a Russian folktale.

Book Information
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Customer Reviews
My 3yr. old niece and my friends 4yr.old son can't get enough of this book ! We borrowed it from the library, and both kids wanted their own copy. The colorful illustrations and humorous text really capture their attention. We read it over and over again, and they beg for more. Great kids book!

This oversized (12x9 inch) paperback has 30 pages of beautifully detailed pencil-and-watercolor drawings of a farming neighborhood presented one day with the problem of a carrot that was Enormous. The farmers (a couple of rabbits) try to pull it up. No luck. It is just too big. Then their neighbor (a cow) offers to help. Not enough. One-by-one, their other friends come by to help out and when the last, smallest one (a mouse) joins in ... they succeed! Then, they have their reward: an enormous feast together. I had enjoyed this book cover to cover before I realized why it sounded familiar: it is the story of The Little Red Hen, except in reverse. In the Little Red Hen, the neighbors refuse to help and then end up with nothing; in The Enormous Carrot, they all pitch in and are rewarded. This "moral" is not heavyhanded and your child will not notice. Let them simply enjoy the story, the talking animals, and the illustrations!
The girls and I enjoyed reading this book on Easter Sunday eve. They enjoyed the story line and the illustrations have so many details and bright colors! Even after we were done with the story, we found ourselves discovering new details on each drawing.

This book was my favorite when I was a child. I could read really well when I was young, so it's pretty impressive that I had a favorite picture book. The thing I liked about it the most was the picture at the end, a two page spread that has so much to look at that I'd stare at it for hours!!! I think any kid would like this book, unless they just don't like books in general.

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