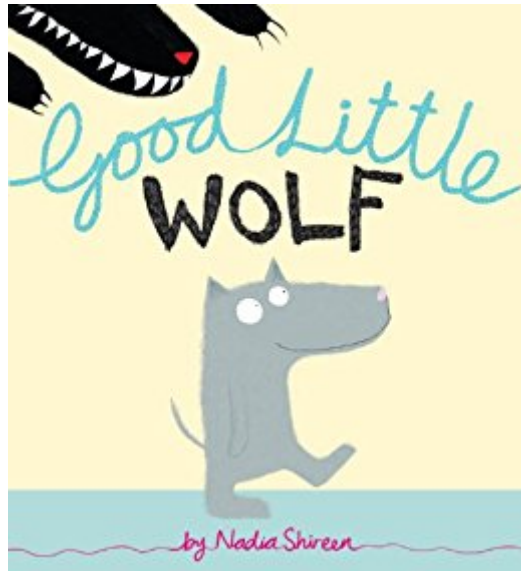


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# Good Little Wolf



## Synopsis

Rolf, a small, gentle wolf, lives with Mrs. Boggins, who tells him he is a good little wolf. But when he meets up with a large, ferocious wolf, he is told that he isn't a real wolf. Wolves aren't little and good—they are big and bad. To prove he is a real wolf, the old wolf tells Rolf he must perform certain tasks, such as blowing down a little pig's house. Rolf is a total failure . . . until the big bad wolf urges him to do something unspeakable to old Mrs. Boggins. Then the good little wolf proves that he can stand up to the big bad bully. Or so it seems. More mature readers may find a different ending that could lead to a great discussion! Using familiar storybook characters and an endearing new hero, Nadia Shireen makes her debut in this winning picture book.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a bit dark, but funny. I love stories where both my 2 year old and I can laugh. Also, this is the first book I ever read to him when he was five days old! We are still reading it and enjoying it 2 years later.

Reason for Reading: I was sent a review copy by the publisher and the book looked cute. Adorable artwork with characters who are charming and appear so friendly. It is their simple round eyes, not always matching, with pin prick pupils which make them so distinct. And just turning the background colour to yellow makes the innocence disappear and a new feeling comes along with the Big Bad Wolf. Wonderfully drawn! A cute story that takes a spin on the Big Bad Wolf tale. Here we have Rolf, a very Good Little Wolf, who meets up with the BBW and is taunted by him that he isn't really a wolf if he can't do the bad things \*he\* can do. So Rolf is bullied into trying to blow down pig's house and howl at the moon but when BBW threatens Mrs. Boggins something happens to Good Little Wolf that will make children cheer with delight. The twisted tale has the last laugh though with one more twist at the end that will have those who love a good \*bad\* ending rolling on the floor. Very clever!

This is an adorable cover that doesn't really come through properly in the photo. The little gray wolf's body is covered in a very fine fur, making him look infinitely hugable. The first two words of the title are drawn to look as if they are made of yarn or rope, while the last is covered in black and white fur - just like a real wolf. Rolf (the perfect name!) is a sweet little guy who lives with Mrs. Boggins. Rather than being mean and nasty like typical storybook wolves, Rolf enjoys baking tasty cakes and being nice to his friends. Mrs. Boggins has warned Rolf of the evil wolves, but he has never run into one. Until today. This wolf has glowing yellow eyes and a row of very sharp teeth that are on display even when his mouth is closed. His legs are spindly and his black tail comes to a verrrry sharp point. Big Bad Wolf scoffs at Rolf, telling him "Real wolves howl at the moon. Real wolves blow houses in. Real wolves eat people up!" Desperately wanting validation, Rolf tries those things, but fails miserably. When it comes time to devour Mrs. Boggins, Rolf snaps and and trusses the Big Bad Wolf up like a chicken. He has never felt more wolf-like! He and Mrs. Boggins persuade Big Bad Wolf to stop eating people up, and they all live happily ever. Except for those first two. Because Big Bad Wolf is very cunning and a huge liar. Just like Mrs. Boggins and sweet Rolf, I never predicted that coming. I really thought the do-gooders had had beaten the Big Bad Wolf. The funny surprise ending perfectly balances the sweetness of Rolf and his old lady. Those two exude goodness, from Mrs. Boggings' grandmotherly blue curls right down to Rolf's tender smile, and the sweet little pheeep! that comes out when he tries to howl. They sit smiling over tea and cake at the terrible wolf they are sure they have transformed. If they only they knew their fate ....

In a playful twist upon fairy tales and wolves, this adorable picture book presents a good little wolf, named Rolf. The big bad wolf tries and tries to find the wild, proper wolf in Rolf, but he always

comes up good. In an unexpected end to the story, the big bad wolf proves that good wolves and little old ladies need to beware. Children ages 3-6 will love this twist on fairy tales.

I loved this book. The ending is a real surprise and makes for a good laugh for both parents and children. Just like kids will be kids, this little treasure shows that wolves will be wolves.

Cute book until the awful ending. Not sure if the author was trying to be funny, but all it did was scare my children. Not a very good book for a bedtime story. I wish I would have read the book all the way through once before reading it to them before bed!

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