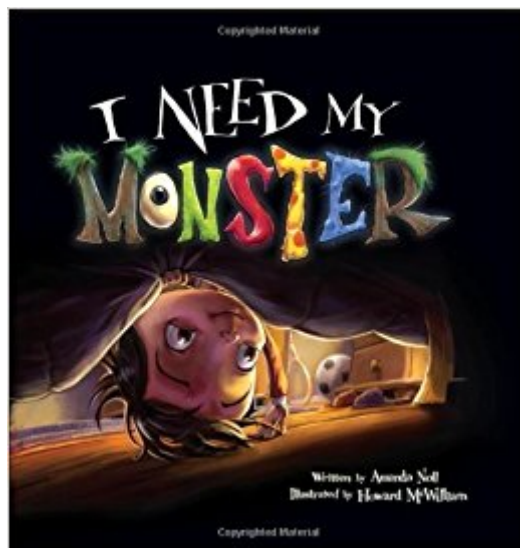


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# I Need My Monster



## Synopsis

A unique monster-under-the-bed story with the perfect balance of giggles and shivers, this picture book relies on the power of humor over fear, appeals to a child's love for creatures both alarming and absurd, and glorifies the scope of a child's imagination. One night, when Ethan checks under his bed for his monster, Gabe, he finds a note from him. Instead: "Gone fishing. Back in a week." Ethan knows that without Gabe's familiar nightly scares he doesn't stand a chance of getting to sleep, so Ethan interviews potential substitutes to see if they've got the right equipment for the job: pointy teeth, sharp claws, and a long tail—but none of them proves scary enough for Ethan. When Gabe returns sooner than expected from his fishing trip, Ethan is thrilled. It turns out that Gabe didn't enjoy fishing because the fish scared too easily. Scholastic Book Club Selection Winner of 6 state awards: Alabama Camellia Award (2010-2011), Arizona Grand Canyon Reader Award (2011), California Young Readers Medal (2011-12), Georgia Picture Storybook Award (2011-12), Nevada Young Reader Award (2011-12), Virginia Reader's Choice Primary Award (2012-13) Included on 5 other state award lists: Mississippi Magnolia Children's Choice Award list (2012-13), Nebraska Golden Sower Award list (2011-12), South Dakota Prairie Bud Award list (2011-12), Washington Children's Choice Book Award list (2010-2011), Wyoming Buckaroo Award list (2011-12) Additionally, these regional awards lists: Connecticut Charter Oak Children's Book Award list (2011-12), Iowa Regional Goldfinch Award Winner (2009-10) Storytelling World Award Honor Book 2010

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## Customer Reviews

Noll turns the tables on monster fears by introducing readers to Ethan, a little boy who can't fall asleep without the ragged breathing and claw-scratching of his favorite monster, Gabe. But Gabe has left a note that he's gone fishing, so Ethan knocks on his floor to summon a series of substitute ghoulies. Herbert, a horned green thing in a vest, doesn't even have claws. And Ralph, a four-eyed, six-armed blob, has claws, but they're painted and manicured. And Cynthia—well, no hard feelings, but a boy wants a boy monster, not a girl. Noll's slyly humorous text is a suitably wry counterpoint to McWilliam's dark-hued, exaggerated paintings of the bobble-headed Ethan and his alternately scary and silly beasts. The entire effort strikes a nice balance between creepy and comforting, but especially endearing is Gabe's early return home as he huddles beneath the bed like a faithful dog and says, "Now, if you don't mind, I'd like to start the evening with an ominous puddle of drool." That's friendship for you. Grades K-2. --Daniel Kraus

"Dramatic in perspective, McWilliam's exaggerated, digitally colored art renders the monsters in a spectrum of neon hues and outlandish shapes. The collaborators ably balance some bedtime chills with humor, and Ethan's enthusiasm for his monster should prove infectious." *— Publishers Weekly* "A fun nighttime read for those who enjoy a bit of shiver as they are tucked in to bed . . . a great read-aloud for a slightly older audience at a night-themed story hour." *— School Library Journal* "Noll turns the tables on monster fears by introducing readers to Ethan, a little boy who can't fall asleep without the ragged breathing and claw-scratching of his favorite monster, Gabe." *— Booklist* "A clever anxiety-defuser and an unusually well done double-debut." *— Kirkus Reviews* "A perfect read-aloud for squirmy youngsters, especially boys . . . exquisitely creepy, perfect for. . . all monster-lovers." *— The Sacramento Bee* "Between the simple hilarity of the story itself and the amazing, gorgeous illustrations, *I Need My Monster* is a brilliant piece of picture book work." *— A Patchwork of Books* "A must read for any discerning monster lover. A perfect bedtime companion. I'm keeping one copy on the nightstand, and one under the bed!" *—*

~ Edward Hemingway, ~ author, Bump in the Night "The same kids who loved Neil Gaiman's The Wolves in the Walls are sure to appreciate I Need My Monster too. Highly recommended." ~ Monster Librarian.com

This book is me and my second graders absolute favorite read alouds. Year after year my students ask me to read this to them over and over again. It has wonderful visuals, and amazing adjectives that work well during our descriptive writing unit! The best part is you can read this aloud and later have your children watch it on [storylineonline.com](http://storylineonline.com) (famous actors read aloud the books using full screen pictures)

My daughter loves this book. The illustrations are cute and detailed. My only problem with the story is at one point it says only boys get boy monsters and girls get girl monsters. That upset my daughter a bit as she said she wanted a boy monster. (We just told her the main character was wrong about that). Other than that, it's a very sweet story.

The funniest book I've read to my kids in years! I was laughing out loud on page turns and we all giggled our way through the storyline. We love so many books but the I Need My Monster experience was truly sublime ~ Thank you to the author Amanda Noll but equally if not more to illustrator for your amazing creation ~

The story is charming and the artwork is fantastic. You will need a voice for the little boy and 5 monster voices but save the best monster voice for Gabe who appears last. Maybe it was just me but I did not see any way to enlarge the very tiny font size for reading on the Kindle Fire. I also tried it using the Cloud Reader. The initial instructions said to double tap but that did not work for me. That is the only reason why I did not give it 5 stars.

A great bedtime monster story for monster lovers, who don't expect monsters to be totally cute. The boy needs his monster under the bed, so he can sleep, but his monster went fishing. The substitute monster aren't quite up to the job. A very fun book with great illustrations. I'm so glad it's not a rhyming book.

This is such a fun book to read, especially when you add in the voices for each monster. My kids

were maybe 4 and 6 when we originally bought it. We love this book so much, we just bought Hey, That's My Monster and repurchased this book in digital format after ours went missing.

This story is about a boy whose monster went fishing for a week. He couldn't sleep without a monster under his bed. He tried to get a new monster but none of the new monsters could scare him. The other monsters were funny but he need to be scared. Will he ever be able to get some sleep? We thought this was a great book because it was funny. All the monsters made us laugh, except Gabe. We laughed when the monster stuck out his tongue. We liked that none of the other monsters could scare him except Gabe. Our favorite character was Gabe. We love the details in the pictures.

Grandkids love this book. Its been on their nightly read for weeks now.

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