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Mother Goose on the Loose

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Goldstein, Bobbye. *Mother Goose on the Loose*. Harry N. Abrams, Inc., 2003. ISBN 0810942399. \$18.95. 106 pp.

Reviewer: AnnMarie Hamar

Reading Level: Young adult

Rating: Outstanding

Genre: Humor;

Subject: Nursery Rhymes—Juvenile fiction; Children's poetry—Juvenile fiction; Cartoons and Comics—Juvenile fiction; Books—Reviews;

Editor Bobbye Goldstein has collected a series of Mother Goose-themed cartoons from the *New Yorker Magazine*. Each section is introduced by a nursery rhyme or a short poem written by the editor. The cartoons are grouped according to nursery rhyme, for example, *Hey Diddle Diddle*, *Jack and Jill*, and *Humpty Dumpty*. The cartoons themselves, drawn by artists who contribute regularly to the *New Yorker*, are hilarious and clever commentaries on life. Goldstein includes a short after word on the history of cartooning. This is a fun collection that will appeal to young adults and their parents.