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All in Just One Cookie

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Goodman, Susan E. *All in Just One Cookie*. Illustrated by Timothy Bush. Greenwillow, 2006. ISBN 0060090928. \$16.99. [32] p.

Reviewer: Thomasania Leydsman

Reading Level: Primary, Intermediate

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Informational books;

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After reading *All in Just One Cookie*, readers will never think about chocolate chip cookies in the same way again! This book tells the story of the ingredients used in a chocolate chip recipe and their derivation. The characters who guide this culinary journey are a very modern Grandma, with her flipped hairdo, dangling earrings and cool, orange athletic shoes, and her pets, a dog and a cat.

When Grandma gets a phone call announcing guests are coming, she decides to make cookies. She sets out the ingredients and her very curious pets begin their investigation of each. The pets utilize all types of resource materials, Encyclopedias, the internet, and more, to gain their information. Readers are taken from the island of Madagascar, where vanilla is found, to a deep mine in Wyoming, where trona, the mineral that turns into baking soda, is mined.

Each ingredient has a two page spread, with interesting facts about the ingredient, such as how it is made and its geographical point of origin. There is a lot of text and illustration on each page, but the information is presented in a way that is accessible to younger and older children. The muted watercolor illustrations are fun and enjoyable.