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Book Review

**Title:** I Saw Esau, The Schoolchild’s Pocket Book  
**Author:** Peter and Iona Opie  
**Illustrator:** Maurice Sendak  
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**Publisher:** Candlewick  
**Publication Year:** 2012  
**ISBN:** 9780763659493  
**Number of Pages:** 160  
**Interest Level:** Primary, Intermediate  
**Rating:** Outstanding

**Review**

Upon visiting an elementary school anywhere in the country, the children are chanting the same rhymes that their parents chanted as well as their grandparents. *I Saw Esau* is a collection of these childhood memories and can be enjoyed, laughed at, and learned from by all generations.

Teachers could utilize *I Saw Esau* as an educational resource. Parents could use *I Saw Esau* as a learning tool for their children to help them understand that kids are more like their parents then they might wish to acknowledge. Generations repeat each other, lessons are relearned, and conversations retold. All of these copycats are collected in this silly conglomeration in *I Saw Esau*. 