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# Book Review

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## Review

This cute children's book starts with a pig in a wig on a boat, but more and more animals get on the boat until the boat is too crowded for pig! Pig exclaims, "It's getting crowded in here...off of this boat before we all sink!" The animals leave the boat one by one until pig is all alone in the boat. Pig realizes that the boat was more fun when she was sharing it with all of her friends. Pig admits she made a mistake and calls to her friends to swim back to the boat to play. The boat is still too small so, they get in a bigger boat.

This rhyming book has bold cartoon illustrations that were rendered in charcoal and then painted digitally. Readers may particularly enjoy the pig theme throughout the book's illustrations, such as snouts on the boats and Pig's rug. It has a very positive message about how we are happier when we share. The words and sentence structure are simple and perfect for children learning how to read or for a bedtime story.