

# How to Knit a Monster

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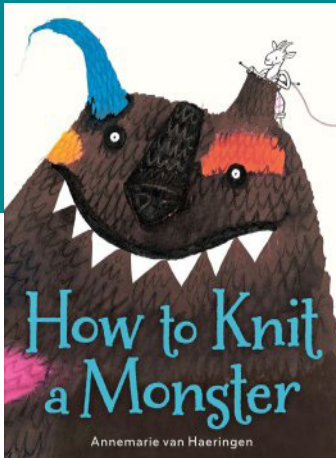
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## Book Review

### How to Knit a Monster

#### Author

Annemarie van Haeringen

#### Illustrator

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#### Reviewer

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#### Rating

Dependable

#### Level

Preschool, Primary

Greta the goat leads a simple life, until she discovers one day that her knitting has special power to bring yarn to life! When mean old Mrs. Sheep starts criticizing Greta's handiwork, Greta angrily ties off her knitting—and a yarn wolf emerges, swallowing up Mrs. Sheep! Greta knits a tiger to stop the wolf from eating Greta herself, but to stop the tiger, then she must knit something even bigger: a monster! Once the monster consumes the tiger, Greta quickly unravels the yarn, leaving an astounded and apologetic Mrs. Sheep in a heap on the floor. Back to knitting, Greta unknowingly awaits another yarn creation coming to life.

Originally published in the Netherlands and later in the United States, the book has a unique and indirect tone. While young readers may find the message elusive, the book seems to point out the need to be kind and not critical to others. Readers may also enjoy the absurdly fun idea of inanimate objects coming to life, as well as the way Greta creatively solves her growing problems. The book's illustrations are mostly black and white with certain objects in color, foreshadowing the next important characters and events to come.

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