Three Little Kittens and Other Favorite Nursery Rhymes

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Reviewer: Marsha D. Broadway  
Reading Level: Toddler, Preschool, Primary  
Rating: Outstanding  
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From "Pat-a-Cake, Pat-a-Cake" to "The Itsy-Bitsy Spider, parents and grandparents can select from fifty traditional nursery rhymes in this collection to share with their own babies, toddlers, and preschoolers. The rhymes are set within the brief story framework of a granddaughter asking her grandfather to "tell me a story" and the grandfather offering to read nursery rhymes. The framework concludes with Grandad saying, "It's time for bed."

This new volume of nursery rhymes compares favorably with the highly-regarded *Tomie DePaola's Mother Goose* (1985) and Iona Opie's and Rosemary Wells' *My Very First Mother Goose* (1996) in regard to both selection of rhyme and engaging illustrations. Opie's and Wells' *Here Comes Mother Goose* (1999) includes several unfamiliar rhymes. *Three Little Kittens* is a perfect book for family lap-time reading, a baby gift that is sure to be treasured, and a must-purchase item for any children's book collection.

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