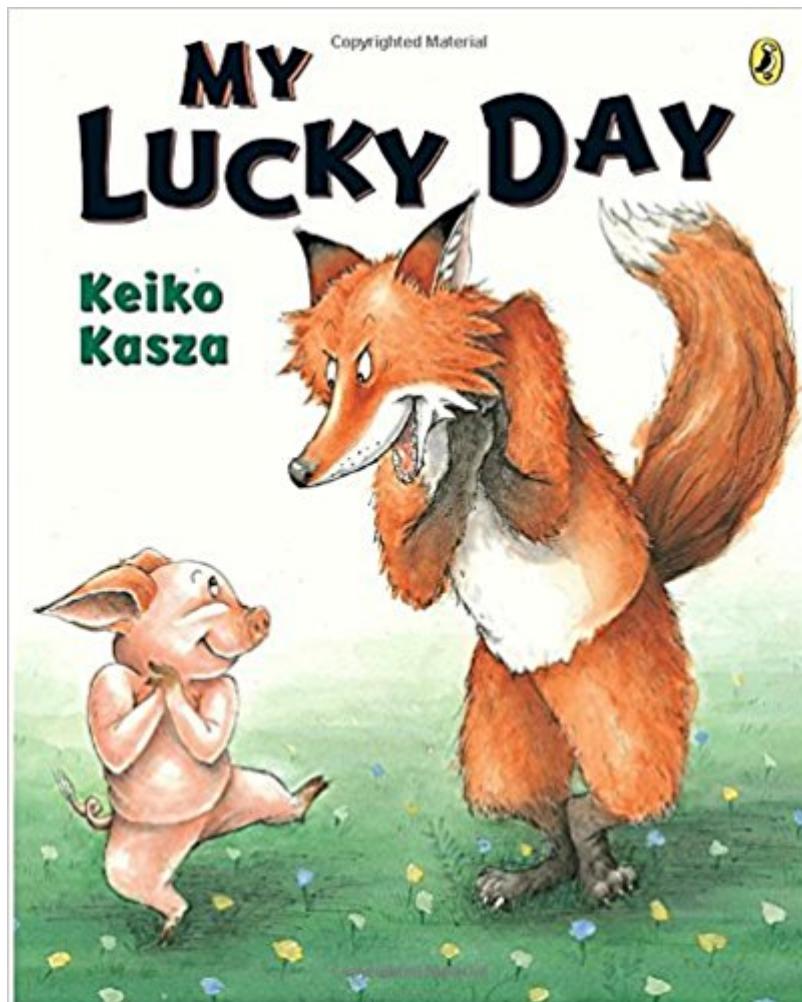


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# My Lucky Day



## **Synopsis**

When a delicious-looking piglet knocks on Mr. Fox's door "accidentally," the fox can hardly believe his good luck. It's not every day that dinner just shows up on your doorstep. It must be his lucky day! Or is it? Before Mr. Fox can say grace, the piglet has manipulated him into giving him a fabulously tasty meal, the full spa treatment (with bath and massage), and . . . freedom. In a funny trickster tale of her own, Kasza keeps readers guessing until the surprise ending when they'll realize it was piglet's lucky day all along.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

PreSchool-Grade 2-Fans of the author's *The Wolf's Chicken Stew* (Putnam, 1987) will not be disappointed by this amusing offering. A hungry fox is sure that it's his lucky day when a delectable-looking pig knocks on his door by mistake. Mr. Fox grabs his squealing guest and starts to prepare a feast, but the pig asks him to wait, pointing out, "I'm filthy. Shouldn't you wash me first?" The fox prepares a lovely bath and the pig compliments him on being "a terrific scrubber." But then, the pig continues, shouldn't he be fattened up a bit? And shouldn't he be massaged so that he won't be tough? Mr. Fox grudgingly complies with these requests and soon finds himself so exhausted that "He couldn't lift a finger, let alone a roasting pan." The pig heads home, clean, well fed, relaxed, and ready to plan his next call on an unsuspecting predator. Set against white

backgrounds, the lively gouache illustrations enhance the humorous and witty text. The fox's facial expressions clearly reflect his range of emotions, as he goes from sheer elation to pure exhaustion. He is as gullible and endearing as the pig is sly and charming. A good choice for storyhours as well as one-on-one readings. Wendy Woodfill, Hennepin County Library, Minnetonka, MNCopyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

K-Gr. 2. A fox is saved the trouble of hunting for his dinner when a tasty-looking piglet arrives at his door. It's his lucky day--or so he thinks. Then, the wily piglet outfoxes the fox: Wouldn't the fox prefer a clean pig to roast? The fox gets busy heating bathwater. Next comes a spaghetti dinner to fatten Pig up, followed by a luxurious massage to make his meat more tender. The fox finally collapses in exhaustion, and the sated piglet scampers home to a warm fire, ready to plan his next "lucky day." The discerning child will find the fox's reaction to his lost dinner depicted on the back cover. Reminiscent of her earlier *Wolf's Chicken Stew* (1987), this well-paced, delightful book plays on traditional story patterns, enhanced by Kasza's lively illustrations. Children will relate this tale to the humor of a child outwitting a grown-up. Louise BrueggemanCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

I absolutely adore this book! My youngest daughter brought this home from the library one day and we knew we had to own it. Now I buy it for baby shower gifts, along with some books geared toward shorter attention spans. When my teens see a copy waiting around to be wrapped, they always ask me to read it to them again. Even after all the readings, we still get a chuckle. It might help that I found the perfect voice to use for the little piggy, but you can find one too!

I bought this book for my 5 year old granddaughter because i used to read it to my kindergarten and 1st graders when i was a school librarian. The children used to laugh when they figured out how the wolf was being tricked. Choosing books that children will enjoy is part of turning them into enthusiastic readers.

One of my kids' favorite books, this is a delightfully clever story about a piglet who mistakenly arrives on the front doorstep of the fox's house. What ensues is a game of cat and mouse—or fox and piglet, as the case may be—of the piglet stalling the fox while formulating a plan for escape. It is filled with excellent illustrations that fit the story perfectly. This is a fun tale for kids and their grownups alike. If you like clever children's books that also appeal to adults, you should

absolutely get this book today. Just a thought, Mr. Fox.

This is one of our most favorite kids books. We came across this years ago in a book store. It is an awesome book, we love it and we love to give this as a baby gift. It ranks as one of our top 5 books to give.

This is one of my kids' favorite books. Great storytelling, lovely illustrations, and a fun, engaging read. This is one of those books that I will happily read night after night.

The two children who were recipients of this gift want to hear and read it over and over and over. I was introduced to this book in an elementary school reading program in which I tutor. Love the clever way it introduces children to the concept of irony. Nicely written, great vocabulary, written with a sense of humor. And most engaging for the kids.

One of my favorite kids' books. Have given this to numerous children between the ages of 2 and 5. The pig's "lucky day" is a delight.

Such a clever book; I think you could actually use this book to teach the difficult concept of irony. You wouldn't expect a sly, clever fox to be outwitted by a pig of all things. And, it's the pig who has the lucky day, not the fox, and you wouldn't expect a pig meeting a fox to have the lucky day. This is a fun, humorous story that I look forward to reading to my young daughter as she gets older. She's only 6 months but we read to her everyday and we're always looking for good stories for the day she can appreciate them. Add this to your library. Especially for the price, it's a story to have in your child's collection.

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