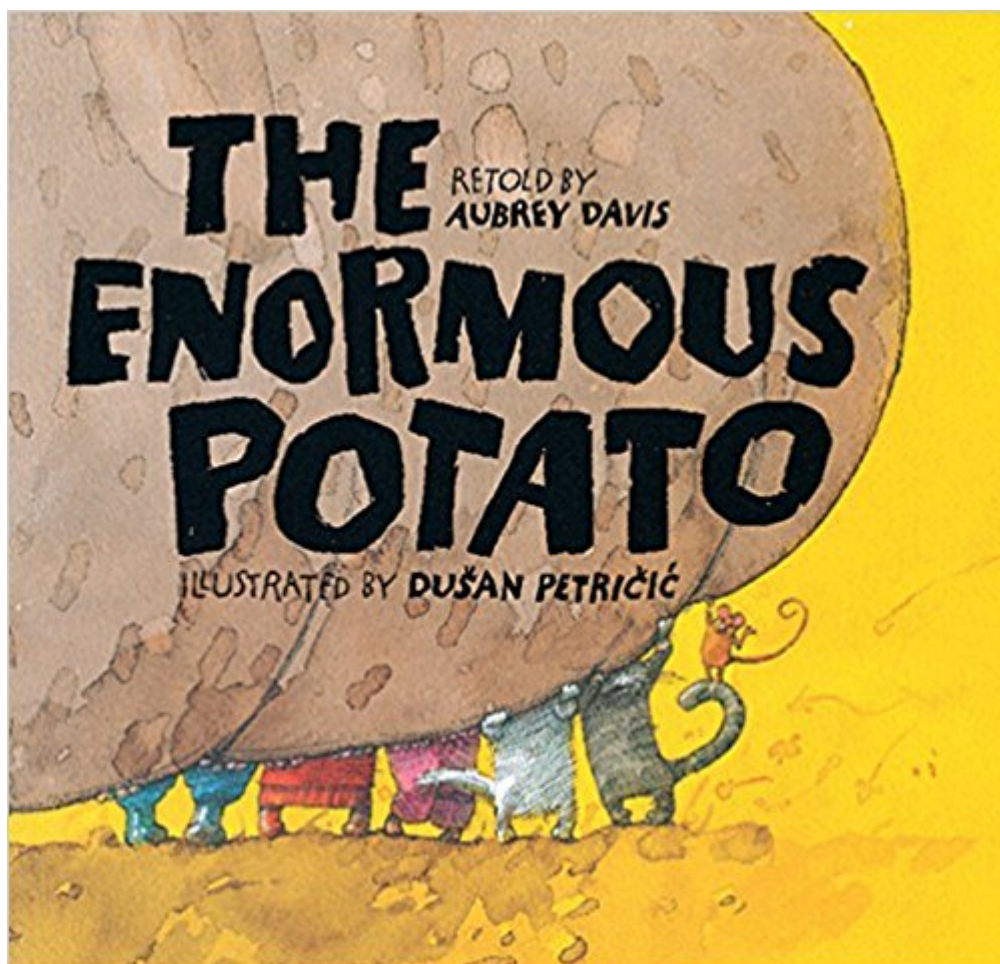


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# The Enormous Potato



## Synopsis

Folk tales give us hope. They show us that we can succeed in spite of apparent problems. And they entertain. Perhaps this accounts for their universal appeal and their amazing ability to survive. ?The Enormous Potato? is one such story that has been around for generations. Retold by professional storyteller Aubrey Davis, it shows what can be accomplished when everyone lends a hand to solve a problem. The Enormous Potato begins with a farmer who plants an eye --- a potato eye. It grows and grows into an enormous potato. Harvest time comes, but the potato is so big that the farmer can't pull it out. So he calls for help, first to his wife, then to their daughter, then to the dog and so on. Energetic illustrations capture the growing determination of the family to free the potato from the soil and the celebratory feast that follows their success.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 1-A sunny retelling of Tolstoy's The Great Big Enormous Turnip in which the characters work together and share the rewards of their labor. A plump, pigeon-toed farmer plants a potato eye that grows into "the biggest potato in the world." Unable to uproot it himself, he calls for his wife's assistance. The stubborn spud remains firmly planted, even after his daughter, dog, and cat are recruited. It is only with the small mouse's one-handed contribution to the group effort that the vegetable is finally ripped from the ground. The family shares its harvest with the jubilant

townspeople until the potato, like the story, is gone. With cheerful golden yellow backdrops, the humorous watercolor-and-pencil illustrations reveal the chubby characters grimacing as they struggle to free the fleshy root from the muddy ground and their pleasure in consuming it. An entertaining example of teamwork and cooperation, this simply told tale would work as a read-aloud and, with its short sentences, repetition, and large print, as an easy-reader. Maryann H. Owen, Racine Public Library, WI Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Davis uses a potato instead of the traditional turnip in this retelling of a familiar folktale. When the eye of a potato grows into the biggest potato in the world, a farmer must call for reinforcements to pull the vegetable out of the ground. Help comes in the form of the farmer's wife, daughter, dog, and cat, and finally a mouse, who adds just enough extra muscle to get the job done. The potato, when it finally appears, is huge, taking up most of a double-page spread and almost burying the folks who pulled it out. It's big enough to feed all the people of the town, who completely devour it. The hilarious watercolor-and-pencil illustrations add a freshness and vitality to a classic tale of teamwork. Helen Rosenberg --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This was a cute book i ordered for my girlfriend as we have the nick name "Potato" for each other. The book itself is really cute and would be great i would assume for any classroom or small child. Happy with my purchase

Kids loved it. Workd well with an Idaho themed class for 3-6 year olds.

My grandchildren and I LOVE this book!!! We have had lots of fun reading and talking about it. When the 4-year old gets to pick his favorite naptime book it is almost always this one.

I had a great time using this book in the classroom last year with Kindergarteners and 1st graders. We created a whole storybook curriculum around it and other related stories (The Enormous Turnip and The Giant Carrot). The kids instantly picked up on the repetition and loved to act out pulling the potato out of the ground as we read the story. Great book that the kids wanted to read again and again!

Great story. Fits our needs at a baby shower about food books.

Engaging children's book!

We love to read this book to our 3 year old, it was a favorite from the library that we enjoyed enough to add to our collection! Great story!

The book is in good shape but the post man tried to insert it in my mail box by bending the book so it was bent and had a mark of wrinkle. Other than that it is very good.

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