



# MISSOURI BUILDING BLOCK PICTURE BOOK AWARD

The Book of Rules  
By Brian Gehrlein  
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## Related Books:

Shhh! The Baby's Asleep by JaNay Brown-Wood

The Pigeon Will Ride the Roller Coaster by Mo Willems

The Book with No Pictures by BJ Novak

The Monster at the End of This Book by Jon Stone

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Find Fergus by Mike Boldt

Bad Drawer by Seth Fishman, illustrated by Jessixa Bagley, Armand Baltazar, Anna Bond, Seth Fishman, Travis Foster, Jessica Hische, Tillie Walden, and Ethan Young

I Will Chomp You by Jory John, illustrated by Bob Shea

This Book Will Not Be Fun by Cirocco Dunlap, illustrated by Olivier Tallec

Bunny Slopes by Claudia Rueda

## Rhymes:

"The Button Factory"

Hello, my name is Flo,

And I work in a button factory

And one day my boss came up to me.

And says: 'Hey, Flo, are you busy?'

I said: 'No!'

He says: 'Push this button with your right hand.' [Push pretend button with hand]

## Additional verses:

Push this button with your left hand

Push this button with your right foot

Push this button with your left foot

Push this button with your head

Push this button with your bum



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Final verse:

And says: 'Hey, Flo, are you busy?'

I said: 'YES!'

"Five Little Monsters"

Five little monsters jumping on the bed

One fell off and bumped his head

Mummy called the doctor

And the doctor said

"No more monsters jumping on the bed!"

**Songs:**

"Horns and Fangs"

*Sung to "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes"*

Horns and fangs,

Knees and claws,

Knees and claws.

Horns and fangs,

Knees and claws.

Eyes and ears and tail and paws.

"If You Are a Monster"

*Sung to "If You're Happy and You Know It"*

If you're a monster and you know it wave your arms

If you're a monster and you know it wave your arms.

If you're a monster and you know then your arms will surely show it.

If you're a monster and you know it wave your arms.

Continue with:

...show your claws

...gnash your teeth

...stomp your feet

...growl out loud

Source: Preschool Education (<https://www.preschooleducation.com/smonster.shtml>)

"The Monster Shuffle" from Brain Breaks Action Songs by The Learning Station

"Stop!" from Play with Me, Sing Along by Patty Shuckla

"This or That" from Cafetorium Songs Vol. 1 by Koo Koo Kanga Roo

**Activities:**

Monster Says - The rules are the same as "Simon Says", but you are following directions so that Dennis the Monster won't eat you!



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Playdough Monsters - Give each child a circle of playdough to squish into a shape on the table. Then provide googly eyes, foam teeth, straws for arms and legs and let them create their own playdough monster! As an extension, you can roll a dice to see how many of each item they need to use on their monster to practice counting.

Monster Slime Sensory Writing Tray - Mix paint, soap, and glitter into a shallow tray and sprinkle some googly eyes around the edge. Use the open space to practice writing letters, words, or numbers.



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