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# Mater Anserina: Poems In Latin For Children With Audio CD (Latin Edition)



## Synopsis

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My granddaughter is so excited about the book and the CD.

Nice

The kids recognize some of the songs by their cadence or music, and the others are fun to guess while driving in the car. It's also a great way to introduce them to Latin pronunciation. The Latin poem is on one side, English on the other side.

This is a very interesting and adorable book. It contains several wonderful poems rendered into understandable Latin. It is very enjoyable to read.

The audio cd is very good.

I got this book because my son wanted to learn Latin and I didn't want to buy a language course until we looked at some things. We got the book and CD and really enjoyed it. Both my son and myself enjoyed it! We picked up some new words quickly and decided to go ahead and learn Latin. We listen to the CD and look at the book often. I would buy this again!

This book has 28 familiar Mother Goose rhymes, (e.g.: Mary had a Little Lamb), in both Latin and English. The translations preserve the style, whimsy, and rhythm of the original Mother Goose rhymes. Yet in the translations, there is something new to be gained from the Latin verse; a new perspective on these childhood classics. For the beginner student, there are footnotes at the bottom of each page which explain the vocabulary used. There is also a preface which explains the accentual verses. It is the only preface of recent memory that is itself an interesting read. The audio CD is well done, with the singing voice very clear. It is fun to sing along in Latin to these old rhymes! In my opinion, it was fascinating to hear these familiar tunes in this new fashion! My only complaint about the book is this: there are not enough illustrations. To me, each rhyme should have its own illustration, or almost all. Only nine of the rhymes have an accompanying illustration. The illustrations that are in the book are charming; reminiscent of the pictures in the book, *The Real Mother Goose*, which has illustrations depicting the time period in which these rhymes were originally written. To my delight this period depiction was preserved in this book. Again this is a truly great book to have!

*Mater Anserina* is a prettily designed book. Favorite Mother Goose rhymes are printed on facing pages with Latin versions rendering the original accentual schemes. Graceful Kate Greenaway

illustrations appear on the same page with some of the Latin versions, and there is a useful list of Latin vocabulary at the foot of each (Latin) page. Practice these rhymes at home, and then try them out on your high-schoolers or undergraduates. Young people probably won't recognize many of the selections (although they may know Itsy Bitsy Spider and the first verse of Yankee Doodle); you may have to teach them the tunes. This book could serve as a lovely, reasonably priced end-of-term gift for a favorite teacher, or a prize for a Classics Day contest.

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