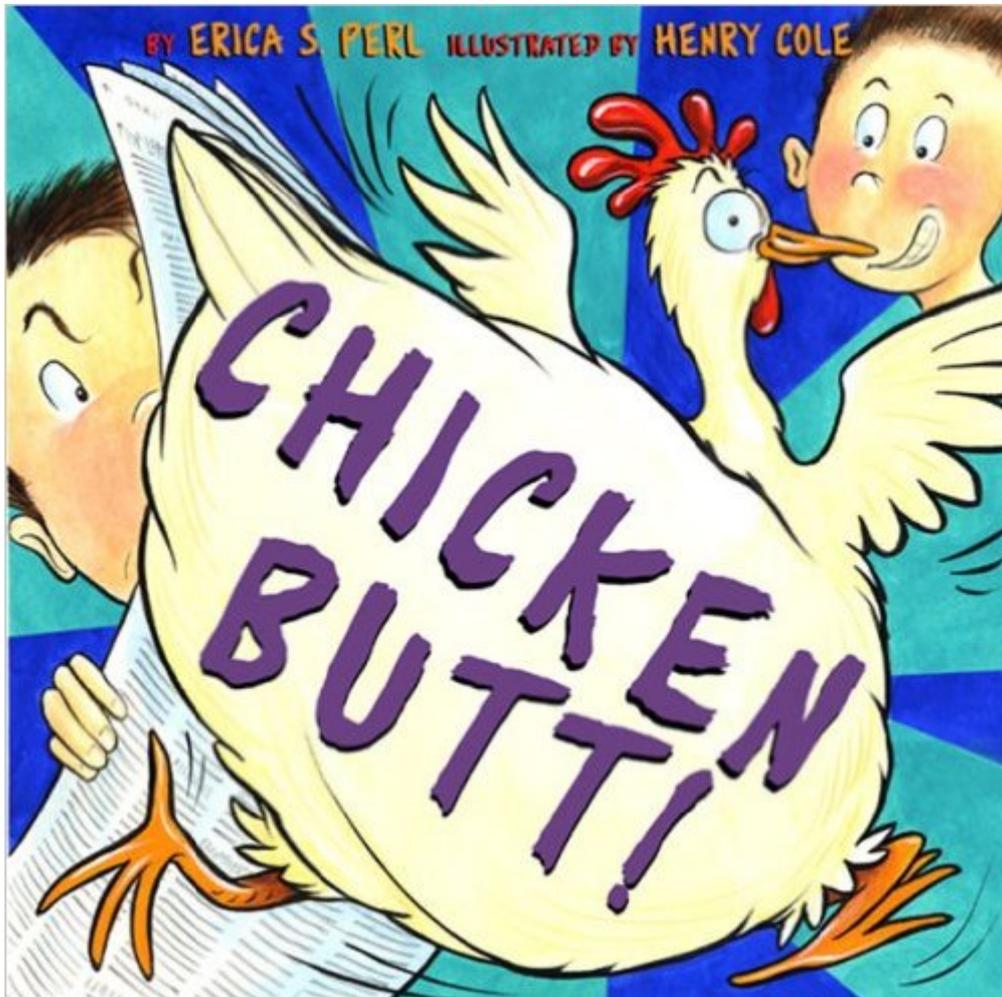


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# Chicken Butt



## Synopsis

You know what? What? Chicken butt! The classic schoolyard joke has been recast as an irreverent picture book, with call-and-response parts for parent and child. The word repetition in Erica S. Perl's text, and wonderfully comic illustrations by beloved artist Henry Cole, make this a particularly inviting book for new readers, as does the opportunity to trick a parent or other adult into participating in a very silly joke. The humor builds to a surprising and satisfying conclusion. Warning: Kids will want to read this one over and over and over again! An unhinged piece of slap-happy rhyming; rocket-propelled artwork; the romp is a powerful piece of cacophony, more frenetic by the moment. Kirkus Reviews

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Yikes! It absolutely amazes me how themes develop in kidlit. Right now it's butts, rearends, tushies. The first book I read in this group was Ian Black's "Chicken Cheeks". The artwork by Kevin Hawkes was very nice. Then there was "Always Lots of Heinies at the Zoo" and "The Tushy Book". My gang has not read neither of these two, although we've seen them, and I imagine we'll pick them up at the library at some point. Which is what I suggest you do with "Chicken Butt!" The reason I don't suggest you run out and buy this book -- despite the fact that my 7 year old son thought it was funny -- is that it's a one trick pony. Yes... the artwork is colorful and cute. And Yes... it made my son laugh, and my daughter (9) smile, BUT it's not the sort of book they are going to read and reread over months. A

week yes. But it's got no long term staying power. The dialog between a boy and his dad starts out like this: You know what? What? Chicken Butt! You know why? Why? Chicken thigh. They then go on to cover 'how' and 'when', etc. And it ends in a fashion reminiscent to the old knock-knock joke that involves a banana and orange. Talking Points::: This is a cute book that has kid-friendly art and a laugh or three. It ought to appeal to preschoolers through 8 year olds. Though the book is nicely put together I can't recommend it as a purchase. It's a good read-aloud. Either solo or as group. Accelerated Reading level = generic "3" Pam T ~mom and reviewer at BooksForKids-reviews

Well, I wasn't even allowed to say the word "butt" when I was growing up, and here it is in a book. Teachers, you know how hard it is to get your students to reread. Well, one of my first graders has read this at least 50 times. He reads it fluently with enormous expression and still laughs when he reads it. It is just plain fun.

This was a gift for Christmas for our 3 year old grandson. He had recently said his mom had told him that he could say the words "chicken butt" at home, but not at school. He delighted everyone by saying "chicken butt" constantly last time we visited. So grandpa googled the words "chicken butt" and it popped up with this book. Needless to say, it was a hit at Christmas. The book is so cute, great illustrations and just overall fun. Advice from this grandma, don't read it at naptime as it's hard to stop the laughter!

"You know what?" "What?" "Chicken butt!" Yeah, as you might expect, I have yet to have found a young kid who did NOT think that this was the funniest book they have ever read! It seems like all of the kids in school are doing that "You know what? Chicken butt!" So, if you want to give your kid a real treat, give this book to him or her - you'll never hear the end of it! (God knows I haven't.)

We love this book! We borrowed it from the library when it first came out they had it on display. We loved it so much we got it for Christmas. The kids always enjoy reading it and we love joking, "Know Who?" "WHO?" "CHICKEN TATTOO!" It cracks them up every time!

On the one hand, my children love this book. On the other hand, now my children run around the house screaming CHICKEN BUTT at one another all day long. Also the story kind of emphasizes annoying the crap out of (their father) despite being clearly asked not to. Not the best lesson to be imparting, even for a joke. Only reason I dropped it a star. Other than that, it's a cute book.

Oh my gosh, this book went over real big with my grandson! He's three and beginning to be aware of parts of the body, and slang words for them. He giggled until he was rolling on the floor when having this read to him, and very quickly learned all the questions as well as the answers. If you don't mind the word "butt," and your kids love a sort of "knock-knock" joke, all of you will love this one. You will quickly grow tired of being asked the questions, but you'd better be prepared to answer them correctly.

When I asked my 8 year old what he wanted for christmas this year, he answered with a grin, "A chicken butt!" I thought about looking for a stuffed animal chicken to disassemble, but this was far better. It's a cute book and the kids love it.

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