



[Home](#) > A First Picture Book of Nursery Rhymes

A First Picture Book of Nursery Rhymes

Books Reviewed:

[A First Picture Book of Nursery Rhymes](#) [1]

Issue:

[115](#) [2]

Reviewer:

[Annabel Gibb](#) [3]

~~Editor's Choice:~~

off

Media type:

Book

BfK Rating:

5

The illustrations, all important in a Nursery Rhyme book, are very stylised here, very cool, very restrained; soft brick pinks, yellow and duck egg blue predominate. The characters are dressed variously in 18th- and 19th-century styles, the stiffness of Harbour's figures echoing the formality of style. Pattern and symmetry abound - Polly and Sukey swoop in from either side of a roundel to attend to the kettle; 'Six little mice' sit down to spin in an exquisitely decorated Victorian dolls' house; the King and Queen of Hearts preside over tea in a stage-set of a palace. There is much to delight here; the pictures reflect the origins of some of our best-known rhymes thus giving a timeless quality to images that might not seem immediately appealing to the contemporary child.

Running Order:

78

Source URL (retrieved on *Feb '20*): <http://booksforkeeps.co.uk/issue/115/childrens-books/reviews/a-first-picture-book-of-nursery-rhymes>

Links:

[1] <http://booksforkeeps.co.uk/childrens-books/a-first-picture-book-of-nursery-rhymes>

[2] <http://booksforkeeps.co.uk/issue/115>

[3] <http://booksforkeeps.co.uk/member/annabel-gibb>