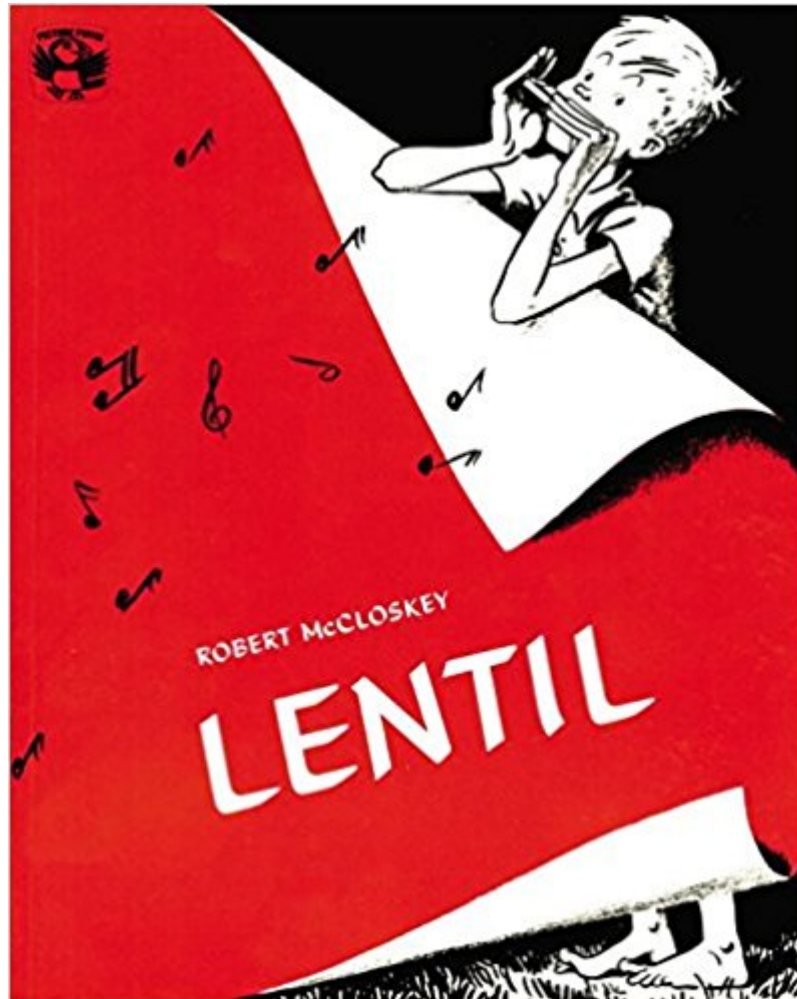




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Lentil (Picture Puffin Books)



Synopsis

Young Lentil wants to learn to sing, but no matter how hard he tries he can't sing on key. He can't even pucker his lips to whistle! So Lentil learns to play the harmonica instead and beautifully carries his tune through the winding streets of Alto, Ohio. Lentil masters his craft just as the beloved Colonel Carter returns to town and the Alto residents decide to plan a special celebration. But Old Sneep, the grouchiest man in town, doesn't want anyone celebrating Colonel Carter's homecoming. When Old Sneep stops the welcoming parade in its tracks, Lentil's music turns out to be just what Alto needs. Robert McCloskey, the Caldecott-winning author and illustrator of *Make Way for Ducklings*, brings readers this delightful two color picture book.

Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

Lentil cannot sing or even whistle; longing to make music in some fashion, he provides himself with a harmonica and practices constantly wherever he is, especially in the bathtub, because there his tone is improved 100 percent. A book that, along with its fun, truly illustrates the American scene.

Robert McCloskey (1914-2003) wrote and illustrated some of the most honored and enduring children's books ever published. He grew up in Hamilton, Ohio, and spent time in Boston, New York, and ultimately Maine, where he and his wife raised their two daughters. The first ever two-time Caldecott Medal winner, for *Make Way for Ducklings* and *Time of Wonder*, McCloskey was also awarded Caldecott Honors for *Blueberries for Sal*, *One Morning in Maine*, and *Journey Cake*, *Ho!* by Ruth Sawyer. He was declared a Living Legend by the Library of Congress in 2000. You can see some of his best-loved characters immortalized as statues in Boston's Public Garden and Lentil Park in Hamilton, Ohio.

As an adult I love children's books. Robert McCloskey is an amazing children's author. All his books including *Lentil* bring me back to my childhood. Collecting the books for me now and for my future grandchildren.

This is a great nostalgic book for a middle America that really doesn't exist anymore. A small town in central Ohio supported by a robber baron with a kid who plays the harmonica and runs to school in the morning - it doesn't get anymore nostalgic than that. And the fun of Old Sneep (sucking on a lemon), the great Colonel Carter, and, of course, *Lentil* (with his harmonica) really makes this a great book. It's also substantive without being too long, which is nice for parents who have to read lots of books to their kids.

I bought this book for our two youngest children to enjoy as our local library doesn't have it on their shelves. The pictures are beautiful and the story is just as charming. It is a good book to purchase for younger children who may be experiencing some insecurity when it comes to keeping up with their peers' accomplishments. This story focuses on the importance of music (as a means of self-expression and celebration of life), the ability to remain focused when all doesn't go as planned (*Lentil* saves the day when he plays his harmonica at the Homecoming Celebration for Col. Carter), and acceptance of accomplishments of others (Even old Sneep is happy about the hospital that Colonel Carter is having built for the townspeople).

Very nice story!

We use this with *Five In a Row Vol I*. Love this story. Arrived in excellent condition! Great Seller. Would buy again!

Loved reading this to my son way back in the day, now love reading it to my grandson. A classic.

ALL of Robert McCloskey's books are full of such lovely, fascinating illustrations and this one is no exception. My 4 year old son pores over the pictures over and over again of the small towns and the little details in each scene that make it fun to read the books again and again. Most of the stories and illustrations show every day things that kids can relate to. Lentil just arrived in the mail four days ago and we've read it every day since. Its sweet and simple and fun to read, or to just look at the drawings.

My daughter's favorite book. We used this book with FIAR and it ended up being our daughter's favorite book. It has so many great aspects to delve into. War hero, young man....old "Sneep". Just a great book

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