

There Was an OLD LADY Who Swallowed Some

Bugs

Adapted and Illustrated by Johnette Downing

"Johnette Downing is a true Louisiana artist. She sings and plays music; she paints; and she loves great Louisiana food. I fell in love with her work a few years ago when she sang 'Today Is Monday in Louisiana' on my PBS television series. Kudos to Johnette on another great work."

-Chef John Folse

"New Orleans singer-songwriter-author Johnette Downing has done it again—taken a familiar story and made it her own. This time, it's *There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly.* With Downing's touch, the last line of each passage has been softened a bit to something a little less frightening for small readers. Another entertaining read for young ones."

—Judy Bergeron, Baton Rouge Advocate

"Johnette Downing knows the child's mind and the child's heart deeply. Her reshaping of the classic tale and her striking illustrations are documentation of her brilliant visitations into those places where the child's imagination resides."

—Darrell Bourque, Louisiana poet laureate 2009-11

"There was an old lady who swallowed a fly." And so begins this fun and flavorful twist to the familiar tale of one very hungry old lady with a taste for bugs. Gulping down insects, the old lady soon fills her belly with a spider, slug, ant, flea, and others. Vibrant collage-style illustrations accompany the rhythmic verse of this wiggly, jiggly, creepycrawly story with a surprise for dessert!



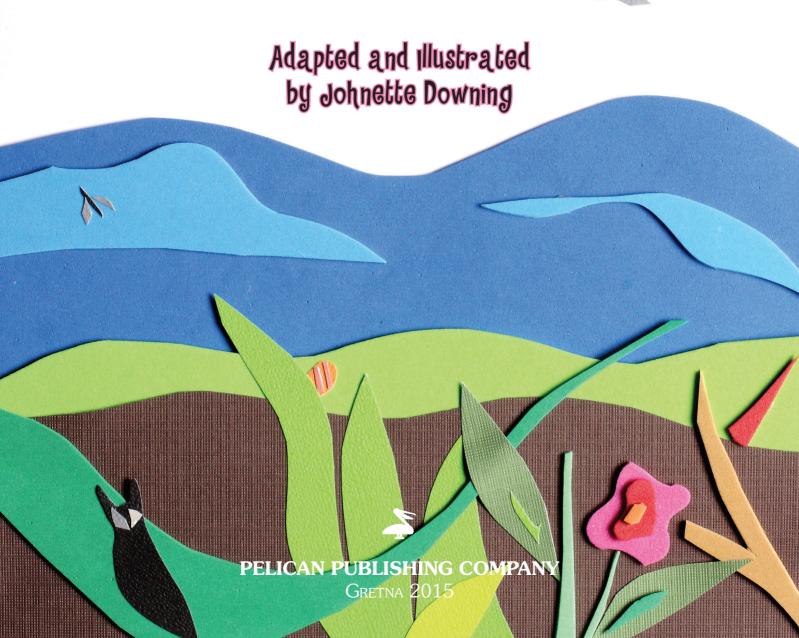
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