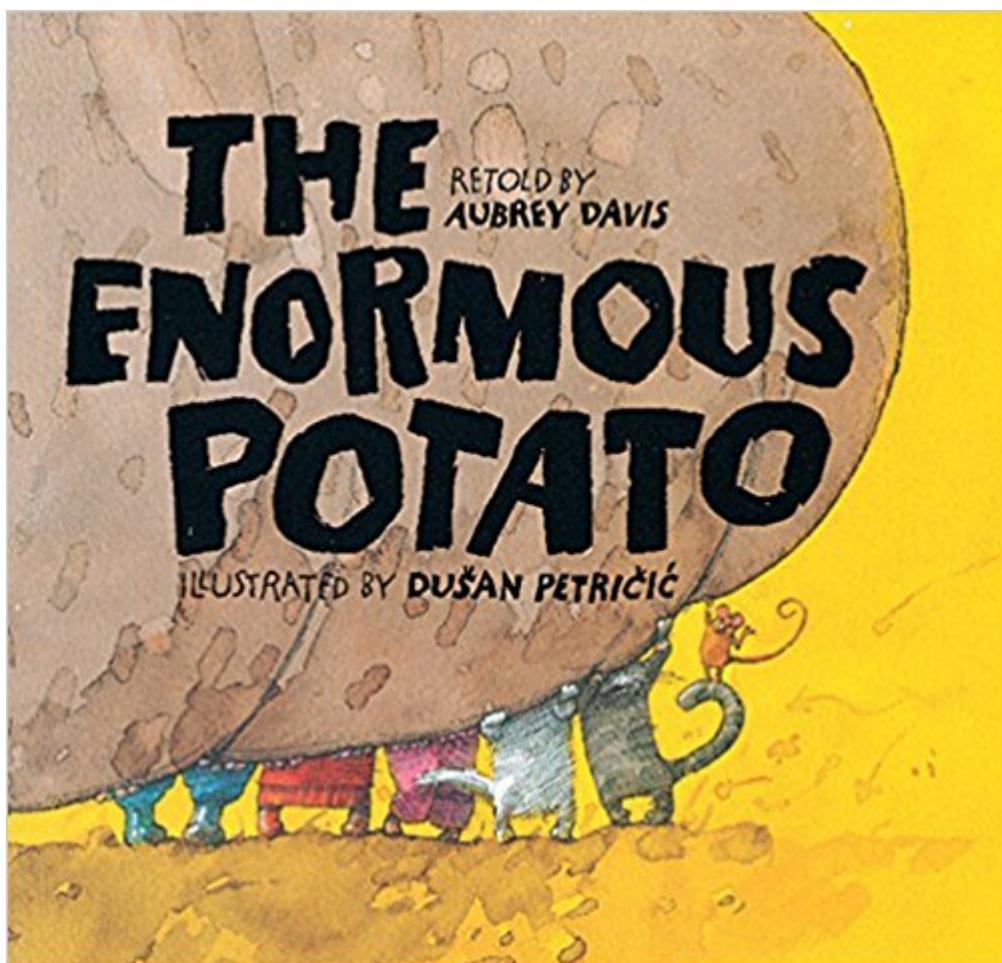


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# The Enormous Potato



## **Synopsis**

Folk tales give us hope. They show us that we can succeed in spite of apparent problems. And they entertain. Perhaps this accounts for their universal appeal and their amazing ability to survive. ?The Enormous Potato? is one such story that has been around for generations. Retold by professional storyteller Aubrey Davis, it shows what can be accomplished when everyone lends a hand to solve a problem. The Enormous Potato begins with a farmer who plants an eye --- a potato eye. It grows and grows into an enormous potato. Harvest time comes, but the potato is so big that the farmer can't pull it out. So he calls for help, first to his wife, then to their daughter, then to the dog and so on. Energetic illustrations capture the growing determination of the family to free the potato from the soil and the celebratory feast that follows their success.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## **Customer Reviews**

My 2 year old son LOVES this book. What makes it even better is that I enjoy reading it too. The premise is simple - a potato grows so big the farmer can't pull it out so he calls his wife to help and then she calls the daughter and so on. After it is finally out, the family shares it with the town. We love the rythmic wording and watercolor pictures. Give it a chance, it's cuter than these descriptions make it sound.

My young children loved this book. It has a simple, rhythmic story line that builds satisfactorily to an exciting conclusion, when the family finally pulls the huge potato out of the ground. The illustrations are lively and amusing. This book is just right for children under six. Personally, I even found the unembellished nature of the book refreshing, and I read lots of books to kids every day!

Delightful illustrations combined with a silly text brought laughter to my 4-year-old grandson.

Recommended!

I bought this book for my 4 year old son. He saw it on and really wanted to read it. Unfortunately, the story is so basic, it is downright dull. My 4 year old loves almost every book, but this one he hasn't asked for again. Story: A man plants a potato. It grows too large for him to pull from the ground. (Though why you'd pull a potato plant from the ground is beyond me. Potatoes grow in multiples along the roots of the plant, NOT like it is portrayed in this book. Because of this, potatoes are typically dug out with a shovel. But I suppose that is beside the point.) So the man asks his wife, who, in turn, asks her daughter, who asks the dog, and so forth. Finally they harvest the single, large potato jutting off the bottom of the plant. They share it with the town. The end.

I had a great time using this book in the classroom last year with Kindergarteners and 1st graders. We created a whole storybook curriculum around it and other related stories (The Enormous Turnip and The Giant Carrot). The kids instantly picked up on the repetition and loved to act out pulling the potato out of the ground as we read the story. Great book that the kids wanted to read again and again!

It's a great story that encourages memory through repetition and has delightful illustrations! I'm so thankful to have received this as a gift, but now I've read this book to my daughter so many times, it's falling apart! I need to buy another one so my son can enjoy it too. Glad to have found it here.

This retelling of the folktale shows what can be done when everyone pitches in to do something that might otherwise seem an impossible task. This is a book for very young children. DeeDee Fox, author and illustrator, The Ruby Red Slipper

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