Synopsis
Terrible wolf is terrorizing the town of Gubbia, and no one can stop him! First the townspeople send a brave knight. He never returns. Then they send an army of trained warriors. They get destroyed. Finally the townspeople send a great and mighty war machine, but even that can't stop the wolf. The villagers don't know what to do -- until Saint Francis visits the town and speaks to the wolf in his own language. Caldecott Medal -- winning artist Richard Egielski exquisitely illustrates this classic tale of love, friendship, and the importance of living together in harmony. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews
A good children's book that exemplifies St. Francis's commitment to spreading the Gospel to all, and the redemptive power of the Gospel. We gave this to our 3 yr old as a Christmas present, along with a stuffed wolf puppy (she is going through a "big bad wolf" phase), and it was a huge hit! Having said that, the book does not shy away from how bad the wolf is. The illustrations make is pretty clear that the wolf eats people-- there are skulls and bones and whatnot. Some sensitive children might find this frightening, and parents might find it a little too much for their kiddo. Also, there are two pages with naked angels that some might find objectionable (and I really didn't think were necessary).
There are so many St. Francis books out there. For actually "life" information, we prefer the one from "Life of a Saint" series. But, this one is the favorite for fun. The kids look forward to it every October.

Five stars awarded by a three year old and a seven year old. Great illustrations, wonderful story. The nephews wondered out loud if this was a real story and were fascinated that Saint Francis could calm such a wild creature. Adults will find the illustrations hilarious. For a religious book with a great message, it is also a very entertaining read with lots of action.

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