Petite Rouge: Little Red Riding Hood - A Cajun Twist To An Old Tale
Clotilde Mouton was a little girl who lived in the bayous of southern Louisiana. Everyone called her Petite Rouge because of the little red cloak and bonnet that she was always seen wearing. Her mother asked her to take some etouffee to her sick grandmother. Petite Rouge took a path through the swamp and met an alligator named Taille-Taille. Readers who enjoyed the classic story of Little Red Riding Hood will enjoy the Cajan twist on the story. Bright colorful illustrations fill every page. Numerous Cajan words are used to illustrate the story. Below each paragraph is the definition and pronunciation for the French Cajan words so the reader will be able to properly pronounce the words. The frequent use of the unfamiliar words can make reading the story with any flow difficult. Children will enjoy the illustrations that pair well with the story and will also relish the ending. The book would work well for anyone wanting to learn Cajan French in a fun setting or for a school looking to add to their library.

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Petite Rouge is the Cajun version of Little Red Riding Hood. It is filled with Cajun French words and expressions with sound spellings and definitions on each page. It is story that can be enjoyed by first grade on up. It is especially appreciated by displaced Cajuns very lonesome for their Louisiana home and all the Louisiana maw maws and paw paws eager to share their heritage and culture. It
follows the Little Red Riding Hood Story but of course is adapted to the Louisiana bayous and swamps. Of course, it has a happy ending, but not for that gator, who ends up in a sauce piquante. The book ends with a Cajun recipe for alligator sauce piquante. This is a enjoyable book for the whole family.

A version of Little Red Ridding Hood that you will not be able to forget. Sheila Hebert Collins has done a wonderful job of giving Little Red Ridding Hood a cajun twist. The reader of this book is able to "play" with some french words, which children will love. This book hits a homerun with this reader!

As I expected. Great transaction.

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