



Mother Osprey: *Nursery Rhymes for Buoys & Gulls*

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“This is a very quaint and refreshing take on nursery rhymes that will be sure to enchant and transport the reader into the magical world of buoys and gulls. I smiled at some, giggled at others and enjoyed an interesting lesson on the names of animal family groups in *One Flamingo*.”- *Reading Rumpus*

Nursery rhymes go nautical....

What if Jack and Jill had been playing on a soft sand dune instead of that treacherous hill? And suppose Mary's pet wasn't really a lamb. What if Mary had a little . . . clam? Those questions — and more — are gleefully answered in *Mother Osprey: Nursery Rhymes for Buoys & Gulls*. This collection retells Mother Goose rhymes and celebrates America's coastlines and waterways — from sea to shining sea. Young readers will meet playful pelicans, seagulls and otters. They'll ride wild island ponies, meet pirates, and hopefully, they'll learn the important difference between “orca” and “okra.” With clever twists on old standards, *Mother Osprey* is a salute to sea breezes, sand, and just plain silliness.

The “For Creative Minds” educational section includes:



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- Food for Thought!



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About the Author and Illustrator

Lucy Nolan spent many childhood days roaming two very special islands: Pawleys Island, SC, and Amelia Island, FL, where she collected the family stories that were shared around the dinner tables of hundred-year-old homes. It was only natural that she would eventually combine her love of the sea and storytelling into *Mother Osprey: Nursery Rhymes for Buoys & Gulls*. This playful book retells Mother Goose rhymes and embodies everything Lucy loves about America's coastlines! Lucy has been writing since she was four year old and is the author of several picture books and the popular *Down Girl and Sit* chapter books. She is also a two-time winner in the South Carolina Fiction project, sponsored by the South Carolina Arts Commission. Lucy lives in Columbia, SC, with her daughter and two rambunctious dogs.



Award-winning illustrator **Connie McLennan** has been a freelance artist for over 25 years, since attending Academy of Art College in San Francisco. In addition to illustrating *Mother Osprey: Nursery Rhymes for Buoys & Gulls*, she has also illustrated *The Rainforest Grew All Around*, *River Beds: Sleeping in the World's Rivers*, *Water Beds: Sleeping in the Ocean*, and *Octavia and Her Purple Ink Cloud* for Sylvan Dell Publishing. Her studio is at her home in California, where she lives with her husband, teenage son, and one big, black cat. For more information, visit Connie's website, <http://www.connieclennan.com/>.



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