

Sort it Out!

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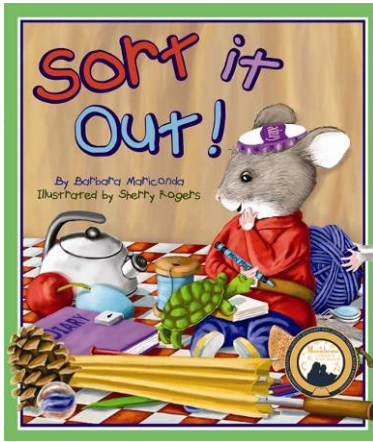
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"As gatherers of 'stuff,' young listeners will easily relate to Packy's dilemma of cleaning up. Colorful, amusing illustrations add to the text to make this a book children will want to look at over and over again."- *Children's Literature Comprehensive Database*

"This book has long-term value. Kids will enjoy the rhyme and whimsical story (even after they know the end), and you can draw out lessons with ever-increasing sophistication as they get older."- *The Reading Tub*

"I give this book a high five for fun while teaching your child critical thinking skills that will help them later in life for math, science and life skills; and for the plot, the very unique collections highlighted, and for the sub-plot illustrations. This book is a keeper!"- *Stories for Children Magazine*

Packy the Packrat's mother has had enough!

It's time that he sorts through his ever-growing collection of trinkets and puts them away. Told in rhyme, the text leads the reader to participate in the sorting process by categorizing Packy's piles of things according to like characteristics and attributes. The reader response is worked into the rhyme, building a sense of anticipation. The illustrations include a humorous subplot about Packy's sister, who enjoys pilfering some of his things for her own enjoyment. Children will relate to the idea of having a collection of favorite objects and the satisfaction that comes from examining and admiring these collectibles. The story promotes and reinforces analogous thinking — a critical thinking skill in math, science and life.



Thanks to Mary Santilli, Presidential Award Recipient for Elementary Mathematics (CT 1991) for verifying the accuracy of the information in this book. **Free online resources and support for the book at www.SylvanDellPublishing.com include:**

- For Creative Minds (FCM) as seen in the book:
 - Sorting Activity
 - Scientists sort things too! (with graph)
 - Sorting Cards
 - Writing Connection
- Comprehension Quizzes: Text, FCM, & Math
- English and Spanish audio
- Related Websites
- Aligned to National and State Science and Math Standards
- Accelerated Reader, Lexile, and Reading Counts Levels



About the Author and Illustrator



Barbara Mariconda is one of those people who has done it all! An educator (K-6), a mentor teacher, an adjunct professor of Children's Literature and Process Writing, Barbara has also written a wide variety of musicals, songs, and books. She has worked with Children's Television Workshop and Cherry Lane Music on the creative staff of the *Sesame Street Music Magazine*. In addition to writing workbooks and beginning readers, her middle grade novel, *Turn the Cup Around*, was nominated for an Edgar Allan Poe Award for best children's mystery. She has also published numerous professional books for teachers, frequently speaks on the topic of writing for and with children, and provides professional development for teachers at seminars across the country. She is a partner in the educational seminar/consulting firm, Empowering Writers, and is a member of SCBWI. Barbara's huge collections of sea glass, pottery shards, glass paperweights, nutcrackers, wine bottle corks, and cowboy boots, all artfully sorted and arranged, served as the inspiration for this book.

Sherry Rogers spent 12 years as a corporate graphic designer and artist before "leaving it all behind" for the freelance world. Her first book, *Counting Little Geckos*, was published in the summer of 2005. In addition to illustrating *Sort it Out!*, Sherry has illustrated *Kersplatypus*, *Burro's Tortillas* and *If You Were a Parrot* for Sylvan Dell. Sherry, her husband and two children live in Northern California. To learn more about Sherry, visit her Web site, www.sherry-rogers.com.



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