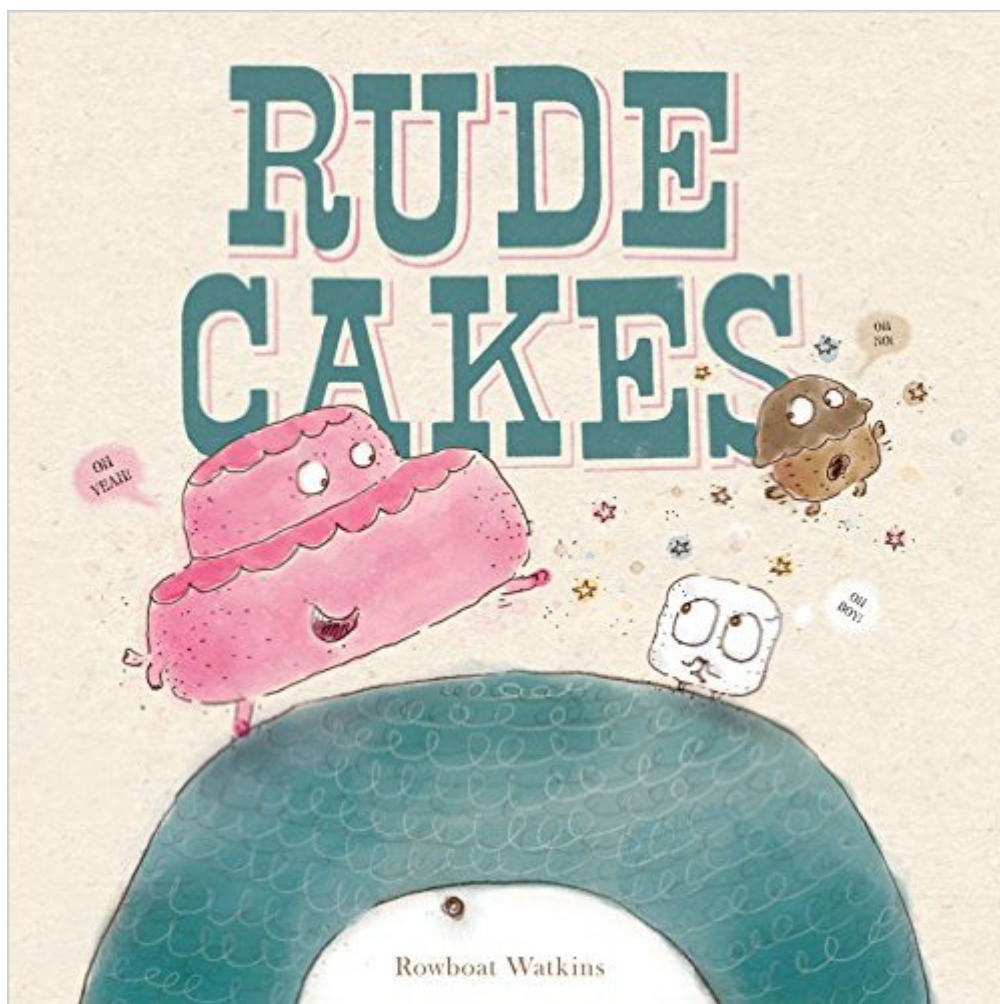


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# Rude Cakes



## Synopsis

2016 Ezra Jack Keats Book Award â “ New Illustrator HonorWho knew that cakes were so rude?! In this deliciously entertaining book, a not-so-sweet cakeâ ”who never says please or thank you or listens to its parentsâ ”gets its just desserts. Mixing hilarious text and pictures, Rowboat Watkins, a former Sendak fellow, has cooked up a laugh-out- loud story that can also be served up as a delectable discussion starter about manners or bullying, as it sweetly reminds us all that even the rudest cake can learn to change its ways.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

This book is weird -- really really weird. My three year old has been on a tear about bedtime stories and why they must be read on the ipad -- So I've made a lot of children book purchases for the Kindle app here on recently -- this is one of those books that makes me feel a little weird about whether I'm getting fair reviews of a book on , it had a lot of 5 stars and I can't possibly give this book 5 stars, that would place it on the level with the greatest children's books of all times... and this isn't that kind of book -- but in the end, this isn't about me, this is about the toddler and whether or not she likes the book. But more about me.. and my needs....First, this book has a message to deliver -- I think that's clear by the title, but let me just summarize it the way I read it -- our story

follows a rude baked good... a cake to be exact, the cake is rude to other baked goods and his/her/its parents... hence rude cake... fine-- bad cake, bad. Soooo, at some point, after bedtime for the baked good in question, he/ she/ it is abducted by a very pleasant cyclops -- and taken somewhere where the rude cake is shown off to the cyclop's friends, many pleasantries are exchanged regarding the rude cake, who they think is a hat. After some protest, from rude cake, the cyclops realizes they were wrong for abducting rude cake and pleasantly returns rude cake to his/her/its bed.Hmmmmmmmmmm?????? I get it... no wait ....I don't. The main message is clear, I get that -- how the author came up or even connected these strange characters to one another, I don't get it -- because THAT doesn't make ANY sense -- if my summary sounds crazy well ...there ya go-- Just my opinion, I'm 40 years old --BUT my three year old LOOOVVVVEEEEESSSSS this book.... say what? So I can't write it off as a waste of money, I didn't like it... I cringe when she points to it every night because it's so weird -- but the truth is the toddler loves it and in the end that's all that counts, I have no idea what's going on in that three year old mind that makes this book even decent, but LOVE??? -- Soooo, three stars from me-- 5 stars from my toddler -- that said, it's my account, so three stars it is... she can write her own review.

\*This book received from the publisher at no charge in exchange for a fair and honest review. Never has a lesson in manners been presented with such whimsy and charm. Rude Cakes features a truly annoying pink cake who doesn't listen, doesn't say please, refuses to take turns, and has no interest in sharing. He bullies a small cupcake and a sweet little marshmallow at the playground and gives his parents all sorts of trouble. It's what happens next that elevates this little gem to the status of a must read for all young kids. It's when this little rude cake meets a giant cyclops with impeccable manners that he learns the value of being polite. The illustrations are unique and whimsical, with plenty of cute little details that will certainly mean lots of requests for re-reads. Mr. Rude Cake is sinister and pink, a hilarious combination. The little marshmallow and the chocolate cupcake that are the frequent victims of Mr. Rude's bad behavior are too cute for words. And those Cyclopeses! One of my favorite spreads shows a line of multi colored cyclops talking to each other about the cake they think is actually a dancing hat. Priceless! The final two page spread shows readers that "Of course, no cake is ever too rude to change," a feel good ending for an entertaining, well written, and useful story that should find a home in every preschool classroom or any toddler or preschooler's personal library. Witty and fun, Rude Cakes is an enthusiastic and polite recommend.

This is the most original new children's picture book I've come across in years (and I read a lot of

children's picture books as an elementary-school librarian & reading specialist.) The drawings are lively, bright and handmade-feeling, the story and characters are hilarious, and the "message" (about politeness and learning to respect others) is so woven into the story it never feels didactic or scolding. Every kid I've read this to so far to has reacted to the mid-book twist (which I won't spoil here!) with wide-eyed suspense followed by laughter.

If I had to guess, I'd say the resident seven-year-old has read this book at least two dozen times since we received it...and she's not slowing down. When she first started reading it, I was in the other room. Suddenly, I heard giggles from the bed. Curious, I popped in there to find her cracking up. It was Rude Cakes. She then read the book to me. She's read it to her grandma. She even shared it at school. And you know what? She was right. It's hilarious. There are so many books out there that try to teach kids manners. Most of them never really seem to get the message across. But this silly little story of a rude cake (who is NOT, by the way, a hat) and some giant cyclopes is a truly hilarious way of teaching kids to be polite. The illustrations are sweet and funny, and our rude little cake is sure to get your little one laughing (while their adult snickers). This book is going to be a favorite for years to come!\* Sample copy provided by the manufacturer.

Rude Cakes is charming, funny, and utterly captivating, with a surprising twist and an endearing conclusion that can only be described as delicious. The illustrations are witty and original, with a steampunkish typefaces that lend an old-school, hand-made quality. It is wise, heart-felt, and completely adorable.

The 3 star rating is for some interesting reasons. First off, I do love the book. However, I have to mark down the stars because I want to be able to read it as a bedtime book to my toddler, but it is a mix of prose and comic book dialog. As a result, it is really hard to just sit down and read it aloud. This format for the verbage really limits its usefulness. If it was pure standard prose then it would definitely be a five star book.

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