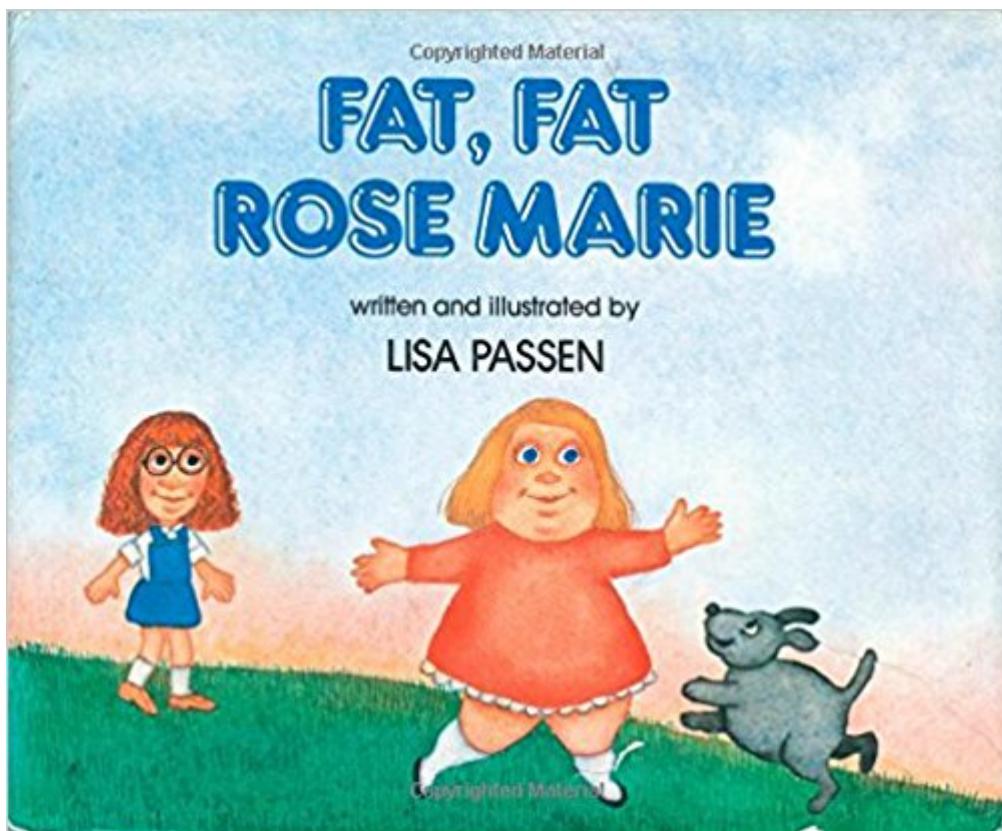


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# Fat, Fat Rose Marie



## **Synopsis**

A little girl must stand up to the class bully who keeps picking on her overweight friend.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

It's never easy to be the new kid in class, but the ordeal is especially trying for children who look markedly different from their peers. Rose Marie, the newest student at Central Avenue Elementary, is overweight and is relentlessly taunted by the particularly cruel (and very thin) Genevieve. But Rose Marie finds comfort in her budding friendship with Claire, a meek girl who also endures teasing because of her red hair and freckles. Happily, Genevieve gets her comeuppance--which involves the creative use of an ice cream cone. Passen's ( *Grammy & Sammy* ) poignant exploration of the painful gulf between individuality and conformity is right on target. Readers will applaud Rose Marie's dignity and Claire's spunk as the two girls stand up for what they know is right. Slightly cartoonish characters with large heads and bulbous, exaggerated facial features help lift the serious tone of the text without making light of its important "be yourself" theme. Ages 4-8.

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Grade 1-3-- Claire sees her new friend Rose Marie quietly bear repeated taunts about her weight from classmate Genevieve and ostracism from everyone else. Finally, Claire can stand it no more--"You're not a nice person, Genevieve!" she shouts, jamming an ice-cream cone into the bully's face. After that, Genevieve is the one on the outs, and Rose Marie has no more trouble making friends. This simplistic story is told in a stilted way, and is illustrated with large-headed,

mannequinlike figures that, judging by the reading level, look older than the intended audience. Although Rose Marie's fixed smile and huge, staring blue eyes add a grotesque touch, that's neither a clue to her personality nor to the character of the story. Picture books featuring overweight children are uncommon, but Bottner's *Dumb Old Casey Is a Fat Tree* (HarperCollins, 1979) and Phillips's *Don't Call Me Fatso* (Raintree, 1980), for starters, approach the theme in livelier, less violent ways. --John Peters, New York Public LibraryCopyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.

My daughter asked me to read this book to her over and over again during her elementary school years. Perhaps it was the examination of childish cruelty and the ways people move on to find joy.

This is a funny read!This is the kind of book i read when i was a little girl that got me hooked on reading.Real life experiences that teach kids that karma is real and they should treat others kindly.I love this book because it definitely is not too preachy and was a favorite for my 6year old since age 1, and now the first book my 2 year old will actually sit and listen to without smacking it across the room!Enough said!

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