

Pizza Related Reading

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" *The Pizza That We Made* (Viking Easy-To-Read) (2001) by Joan Holub, Lynne Woodcock Cravath (Illustrator) (ISBN: 0142300195)

Ages 4-8

Suzanne, Max, and Jake are making a pizza. First they mix the ingredients together, then it's time to knead the dough and toss it in the air. Next they add the toppings and cheese and put the pizza in the oven. Soon it's ready. Now it's time to eat. Yum . . . Making pizza is so much fun-almost as much fun as eating it! This energetic, adorably illustrated Easy-to-Read includes a simple pizza recipe so readers can throw a pizza party of their own!

" *Dragon Tales: Ord Eats a Pizza* (2000) by Irene Trimble, Peter Panas (Illustrator) (ISBN: 0375810854)

Ages 4-8

What goes on a pizza? Ord isn't sure. It will take all of his dragon friends to help him decide in this yummy Early Step into Reading.

" *Hi, Pizza Man* (1999) by Virginia Walter and Ponder Goembel (ISBN 0531068854)

Ages 3-7

This flight of fantasy will appeal to little kids' sense of the ridiculous. Vivian and her mother are waiting for the Pizza Man, but Vivian's impatience leads to a game. Vivian will say, "Hi, Pizza Man," when he arrives. But what if there's a Pizza Woman on the other side of the door? Or a Pizza Kitty or a Pizza Duck or even a Pizza Dino? What will Vivian say then? Each two-page spread features ink-and-acrylic wash artwork that boldly introduces a marvelous menagerie, including a duck sporting a turban and jewelry and a bow-tie-bedecked snake. How Vivian will greet her odd assortment of pizza bringers allows readers to woof, moo, hiss, and quack along with her. On target for the age-group, who will enjoy the noisy fun alone or in groups.

" *Pizza Pat* (1999) by Will Terry (Illustrator), Rita Golden Gelman (ISBN: 067989134X)

Ages 4-8

Pizza is fun to make. Pizza Pat stretches the floppy dough, puts on the gloppy tomatoes, adds the sloppy sausages, sprinkles on the cheese, and then pops it in the oven. But just before he cuts into his delicious pizza pie, he turns his back for one second--and the pizza disappears! A gang of hungry mice have taken Pat's irresistible creation away for themselves. Kids love pizza, and this cumulative Step 1 book, based on the poem "The House That Jack Built", will whet their appetites for both pizza and books!

" *Pizza Cats* (Rugrats Ready-To-Read, No 5) (1999) by Gail Herman, Louie Del Carmen (Illustrator), James Peters (Illustrator), (ISBN: 0689823916)

Ages 4-8

Tommy and his friends meet three hungry stray cats in the doorway of Pete's Pizza. Pete calls them "the biggest pests." But the babies find a way to change Pete's mind so the cats have what all babies and cats need -- a loving home!

" *Cul-De-Sac Kids : Stinky Sneakers Mystery Pickle Pizza* (Cul-De-Sac Kids , So6, No 7-12) by Beverly Lewis (ISBN: 0764281550)

Ages 9-12

The Cul-de-sac Kids series, featuring fun-filled adventures and hilarious antics of nine boys and girls who live on Blossom Hill Lane. The stories delight kids while teaching them valuable lessons.

" *Don't Throw Out That Pizza!* (1998) by Jesse Clark (Illustrator), illustrator Jesse Clark (ISBN: 0964572737)

What can you do with leftover pizza? Forget the crumbs. The rest can be used for just about anything. Illustrator Jesse Clark shows what you can do with the leftovers. From snowboards to swimfins, hubcaps to roulette wheels, ear muffs to bikinis -- the cartoons illustrate new recipes for pizza.

" *Pete s a Pizza* (1998) by William Steig (ISBN: 0062051571)

Ages 4-8

Steig recalls a game he played long ago with his youngest daughter, turning it into one of the most joyously appealing picture books he s done in years. Pete s in a mad mood. Just when he s supposed to play ball with the guys, it decides to rain. Enter Pete s parents who cheer him up by pretending to turn him into a pizza. As Mother looks on, Pete is kneaded, tossed in the air, and sprinkled with flour (talcum powder) by his father, who joins his son in growing ever more delighted by the inspired goofiness and abandon of the game. Steig's watercolor-and-ink-line illustrations, set against spacious, bright white backgrounds, are alive with pattern but sparingly detailed, making the action of the characters the sole focus of attention. Father and Mother (with tightly curled hair and flower-print dress and choker) look more like Pete's grandparents than like his parents, but that will cause only momentary pause in the excellent fun. It's no stretch to imagine little ones begging for their own special "pizza parties." Review from Booklist and written by Stephanie Zvirin .

" *Pizza Zombies* (Leroe, Ellen, Friendly Corners, No 2) (1996) by Ellen Leroe (ISBN: 0786810963)

Ages 9-12

Eleven-year old Bryan Hartley must find a way to stop the small toy robots delivering his

favorite pizza from turning everyone in town into zombies with melted cheese skin and sunken olive eyes.

" *Pickle Pizza* (Cul-De-Sac Kids, No 8) (1996) by Beverly Lewis, Janet Hammond (Illustrator) (ISBN: 1556617283)

Ages 4-8

Eric Hagel wants to do something special for his grandpa for Father's Day. But Eric is broke and can't think of anything to make! Then he remembers his grandpa's passion for pickles. Pickles on eggs, pickles on cheese, pickles on everything. What about a pickle pizza? When the girls in the cul-de-sac agree to a taste test, they gag and choke. Eric's pizza is a flop! Now what can he do?

" *Rocky Bobocky, the Pizza Man* (1996) by Emily Ellison and Vickey Bolling (ASIN: 1563522748) currently out-of-print

Ages 5-9

Some appetizing ingredients have been whipped up into a familiar plot that starts out hot and cools in the delivery. The characters are fresh enough: Rocky, a fun-loving, singing pizza-maker, is a terrible businessman with no eye for the bottom line; Betty, the math-whiz mother across the street, wears herself out working for an accountant and has no time to cook for her six kids. Betty's kids order pizza every day until she gets laid off; the inevitable solution takes ten pages to put into place. Bolling, in a style that recalls some of Julie Vivas's work, injects pizzazz into every scene, often with a profusion of pink pomodoro.

" *Pizza Party* (Hello, Reader, Level 1, Preschool-Grade 1) (1994) by Grace MacCarone, Emily Arnold McCully (Illustrator) (ISBN: 0590475630)

Ages 4-8

A 1993 Caldecott Medal-winning illustrator and the author of *Itchy, Itchy Chicken Pox* come together in a lively first-level reader about a jubilant party of kids making a pizza.

" *Curious George and the Pizza* (1985) by Margaret Rey, Alan J. Shalleck (Editor), Margret Rey (ISBN: 0395390338)

Ages 4-8

Curious George is up to his elbows in dough and trouble as he tries his hand at making pizza. Tony the baker chases him out of his restaurant, and George hides in a truck in the alley. An angry Tony becomes a grateful Tony when George helps him deliver a pizza in a way that only a monkey could.