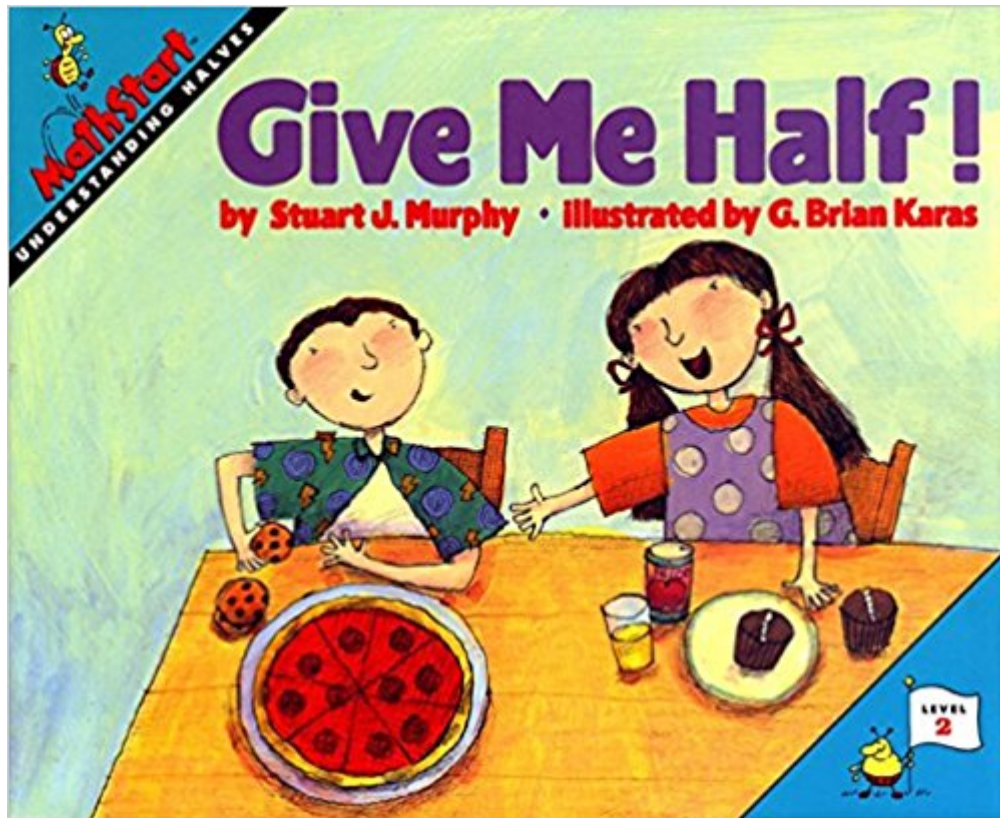




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## Give Me Half! (MathStart 2)



## Synopsis

How do you share a pizza? You split it in half! Two siblings split a yummy lunch and discover that using fractions can be messy. This hilarious book written by Stuart J. Murphy and illustrated by G. Brian Karas introduces the simplest of fractions:  $\frac{1}{2}$ . This is a Level 2 MathStart book, which is perfect for kids ages 6 and up. The MathStart series uses funny stories and colorful art to show kids that they use math every day, even outside of the classroom! Each book features an activity guide to have fun with the math concepts presented in the story. Supports the Common Core Learning Standards

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 10 years

Grade Level: 1 - 2

## Customer Reviews

Grade 1-3?The concept that " $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  is 1" is presented using two bickering siblings who cannot share anything without parental intervention. Finally, the situation degenerates into a food fight, and the kids decide that if they each clean up half, they'll be done a lot sooner. Although the presentation of the math concept is clear and straightforward and the acrylic, gouache, and pencil illustrations are colorful and quirky, the singsong rhyme and lack of any real plot make this a less interesting choice than Pat Hutchins's *The Doorbell Rang* (Greenwillow, 1986). A list of suggestions

for adults using the book with children follows the story. ?JoAnn Rees, Sunnyvale Public Library, CA  
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Ages 4<sup>+</sup>-8. A little boy sits down to enjoy a pizza, saying, "I have one whole pizza. . . and it's all for me!" When his sister comes home the sparring begins: "I'm going to get some pizza--just you wait and see." Sure enough, their parent intervenes to insist that they share the food equally. Then Sister brings out the last can of juice, and later a package of two cupcakes, and the cycle repeats. Each time, bold black numbers point out that  $xba + xba = 2xba$  = takes a food fight that ends in the children willingly sharing cleanup duties (with a little help from their dog). The nicely executed large-scale illustrations express every nuance of the kids' feelings, from greed to righteous indignation. One of the few math concept books with realistic dialogue, authentic emotions, and genuine humor.  
Carolyn Phelan --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

I expected this to be a fun storybook about fractions. In fact, it is a very boring story of two siblings who don't want to share. The only fraction in the book is half. It is shown on only 2-3 pages. I was expecting a story where more fractions were introduced to share 'lunch' with a larger and larger group. Disappointing.

I got this book for my daughter, who is in Kindergarten. It illustrates very basic fraction concepts in a way that got my daughter very interested (pizza, cupcakes, etc). For it's purpose, the book entertained my daughter with the talk of sharing with siblings (which she connected to also with friends) and there's a food fight at the end that she found funny. We did have a discussion afterwards about how she should not really talk like they do in the book and we don't really throw food, but she seemed to have no problem understanding that it was a book and was supposed to be funny, and that it wasn't necessarily real. Now whenever we have food that can be easily divided she has a blast applying fractions to it.

Love, love, love this book for my preschoolers!

This was a good book to use as we studied fractions and the kids enjoyed it very much. It is a new book to me, and I used it along with Eating Fractions, by Bruce McMillan. The books help the students to see concretely what fractional parts really are, and the symbols that represent those parts.

Good for fraction introduction

Used this book in my 3rd grade math class. My students loved it! I used it as an interactive read aloud and my students loved figuring out the fractions. I didn't have to plan much for this read aloud which was the best part!

Fun book with wonderful rhyming lyric that got my 2 year old interested in reading (he would actually start finishing my sentences) and SHARING! Subject matter deals with two siblings dividing favorite foods in half. Though fractions are mentioned, the material is dealt with in a way that is conceptually easy to grasp by kids younger than the 4-8 year old recommended age. We have several of the MathStart/level 2 books, but this one is by far our favorite!

Very exciting book to read to my 3 yr old. I hope she doesn't get the bright idea to start a food fight at home! lol

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