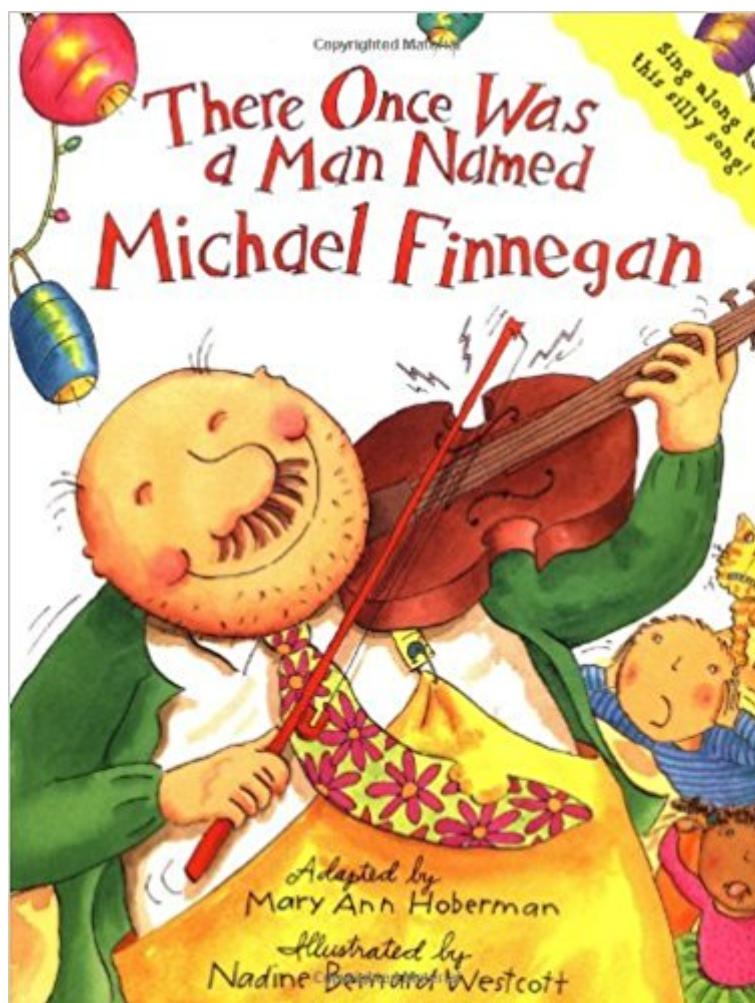


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# There Once Was A Man Named Michael Finnegan



## Synopsis

'The team which collaborated on The Eensy-Weensy Spider meet again to offer an elaborated version of the repetitive children's song about a man who creates quite a "din-igan" playing the "violin-igan." 15,000 first printing.'

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Several books invite youngsters to join in the fun. There Once Was a Man Named Michael Finnegan, adapted by Mary Ann Hoberman, illus. by Nadine Bernard Westcott, is a silly song that instructs young singers to "begin-igan" at the end of each verse. On a vertical spread, "Michael played the violin-igan,/ Tucked it underneath his chin-igan,/ Played so loud it was a sin-igan,/ Noisy Michael Finnegan, begin-igan." Westcott illustrates each lively scene with humorous details; the baby and the cat look even more distressed than the rest of the family. Music and lyrics are included. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

PreS-Gr 2-The successful author-illustrator team behind such titles as Miss Mary Mack (1998) and The Eensy-Weensy Spider (2000, both Little, Brown) has brought another silly song into the world of picture books. Poor Michael Finnegan's violin playing is sorely underappreciated. It is only when he finds a dog he names Quinn-igan (who enjoys the awful "din-igan" of the "violin-igan") that the man is truly happy. In this adapted and elongated version of the traditional song, verses have been added to create some semblance of a story. Sometimes it's a bit of a stretch, as when Michael

Finnegan "Took the money from their tin-igan,/Bought a house and moved right in-igan" or when he "Played so loud it was a sin-igan." Still, the book is sure to be a hit with the storytime crowd. The exuberance of this silly romp is wonderfully conveyed in the wacky watercolor-and-ink illustrations that show the tattered, unshaven man and his grinning canine companion.-Piper L. Nyman, Fairfield/Suisun Community Library, Fairfield, CA Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

Yay!!! For my grandson (coming in May 2017) his name is Finnegan!!!

Love this book. I had to buy it again because my grandchildren can't get enough of it. The illustrations are super sweet and so is the song/story line.

My grand children love me to read them this book. They love the sing along. I wish there were more like this

This book arrived with many torn pages, the cover of the book badly bent.....very poor condition. I loved the story, but very disappointed in the condition of the book.

I am a music teacher for elementary school kids as well as a mother who loves children's books. This book naturally lends itself to singing and kids love it. The lyrics are witty and funny and it has a heartwarming ending as well. A must have for the music classroom!!

This is my 5 year old's favorite book. We borrowed it from the library earlier this year and after reading it once I knew I was going to have to buy it. My daughter LOVES it, and my husband and I do as well. Make sure you check out some of the other singing books by Hoberman.

This is my daughter's favorite book. I love to sing/read it to her. It is fun, fun, fun. Any other the Hoberman or Westcott ones are great, but this one is a delight for sure.

Great book. I teach elementary music and the students absolutely love it!

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