

### ***The Watermelon Seed* by Greg Pizzoli**

This very silly picture book is about a crocodile who really, REALLY likes to eat watermelon. No matter the time of day, it's his favorite thing to eat! But he's scared of what will happen if he accidentally swallows a watermelon seed. Will it grow in his tummy? Will vines come out of his ears? Will he become a watermelon?! Oh dear!

The art is very minimalist, and the text is nice and big, which works well for the story. I like that the color scheme is just black, white, pink, and green – the colors of watermelon!

The only thing I didn't like about the book was the ending. It was very abrupt, with the crocodile not really learning that watermelon seeds won't grow in your belly if you swallow them. It seems like he's just going to continue to worry about swallowing seeds every time he eats his favorite food, and that's no way to live! But when reading this with kids, it is a good jumping off point to discuss what does happen if you swallow a seed. (Just don't be like my family who teased one of my cousins about this to the point that she believed – well into adulthood – that seeds would grow in her stomach if she swallowed them.)

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