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This is a new Puffin edition of Allan Ahlberg's best-selling Cops and Robbers classic picture book, with a brand new cover! The robbers of London town plan a desperate crime one Christmas Eve - to steal all the toys they can lay their hands on! Fortunately, the robbers meet their match in brave office Pugh who leaps into action and arrests the villains - all except Grandma Swagg who manages to get away.

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Paul Jackson says

Cops and Robbers is one of the books which I remember fondly as a child. It is a short rhyming tale which involves a scheming bunch of 'robbers' who are planning to make a haul on Christmas Eve. However, there is one stand out police officer who aims to spoil their villainous plan. The story continues to describe what happens when the 'robbers' carry out their plan and details the officers attempt to stop them. The story is accompanied by excellent illustrations which allow for children to make their own minds up about what is happening. This may also help with children who have SEN and who use English as an Additional Language as it is a highly visual book. I believe this book would be suitable for Key Stage One children to both use independently or as a book to be read in the classroom as a group.

Simon Cian says

This is beautifully written and catchy children's book. The verse flows well and this traditional cops and robbers story is entertaining. Will this gang of robbers who are terrorising London ruin Christmas or can the upstanding Officer Pugh save the day? As well as the fun story and the lyrical verse, the numerous illustrations are excellent and an integral part of the story, make sure to keep your eye on them towards the end!

This book would be well suited to being read out loud in class or at home. After finishing it you will be left wanting to read it again while singing to yourself, 'Ho Ho for the robbers, The cops and the robbers Ho Ho!'

L.M. Krier says

An absolutely delightful rollicking tale, and not just for children! I bought this book after hearing Sara Lancashire reading snippets from it on BBC's excellent Happy Valley. I teach English as a foreign language here in France and thought what a wonderful teaching aid this would be. Some of the words are tricky but with the beautiful illustrations it's so easy to read. Absolutely loved it!

Ian McHugh says

A festive caper involving cops and robbers. The robbers of London Town try to steal all of the city's Christmas presents but Officer Pugh is up to the challenge of stopping them and getting all of the presents to the girls and boys. Florence likes the robbers - especially Snatcher Jack.

Stephenie Oxley says

Nice rhyming story. Jake enjoyed it :)

Paul says

London succumbs to a crime wave on Christmas Eve. Officer Pugh uses excessive force to apprehend the conspirators leaving one, identified as Grabber Dan, unconscious after a blow to the head.

While he may be celebrating operational success on Christmas Day, the New Year is more than likely to see Officer Pugh confronting assault charges.

Sophieknowles says

Loved this book as a child and still makes me laugh today. It is about the crime that occurs on Christmas Eve as the police are having their Christmas party. It is a rhyming book with lots of brilliant characters my favourite being Grandma Swag!

Caitlin says

There's no surprise that everything is missing in London !!!!!! Robbers are behind this. Help the cops to get the robbers by reading this book

Becky B says

A ballad about a gang of robbers with a Christmas heist in the works, and the brave Officer Pugh who saves the day.

A humorous Christmas tale. I thought for sure Officer Pugh was down for the count, but he came back to save the day against all odds. The rhyme is very song-like in style (which is why I dubbed it a ballad in the description).

Matthew says

This is an amusing story about robbers on a Christmas Eve caper who are caught by cops.

Clare says

I loved this book as a child - my dad had a particularly good voice for Grandma Swag. It was so exuberant in fact that I have a sneaking suspicion that he secretly rather rooted for her. The pictures are beautiful and are little novels in their own right whilst the humour works whatever age you are. Fantastic.

Katherine says

This book was a hand-me-down from an older cousin and became an instant hit. Written in verse with the refrain "Ho Ho for the robbers/The cops and the robbers Ho Ho!" which is too catchy and my son used to sing out as loudly as possible.

The characters are beautifully drawn in both the text and illustrations and their names are hilarious. There's Grabber Dan, Snatcher Jack, "baby-faced Billy-the-Bag/Peg-leg Horace/Fingers Maurice/and villainous Grandma Swag." Unfortunately these scalliwags are planning a heist on Christmas Eve. Fortunately "the best of cops," Officer Pugh is on duty but can he foil their plan?

Clever, witty and it even has a moral, Cops and Robbers is a delight. I'm sorry we haven't passed this book on now that we have outgrown it; we have kept it in a box marked "best-loved childhood books" along with Burglar Bill also by Allan Ahlberg

Sarah says

This one is OK, Squidge really enjoyed it though.

Sarah says

I read this book when I was young and even had a tape with it and would listen to it again and again. I loved all the rhyming an the repetition. I found my original book at my mom's and have just read it all over again with my little one and he loves it aswel I still love this book and it's my all time favourite children book

Miles says

Great characters, illustrations and use of rhyme. A fun book for children.
