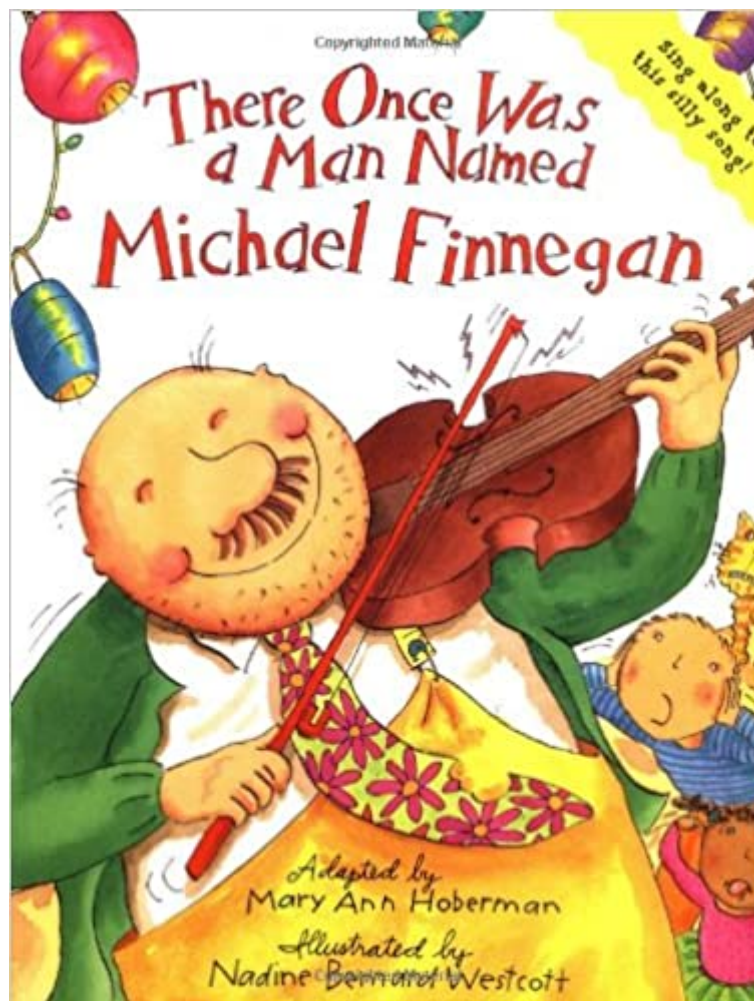




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# There Once Was A Man Named Michael Finnegan



## 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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