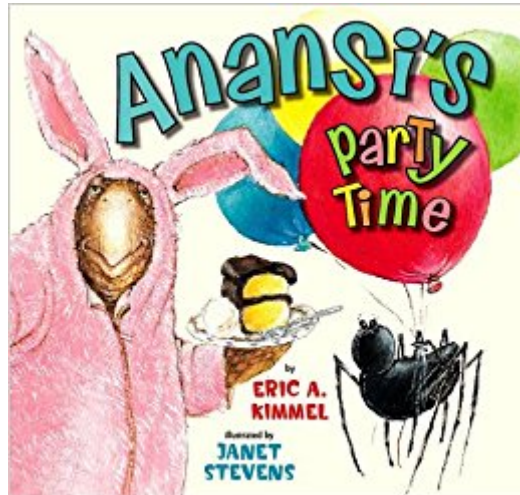




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Anansi's Party Time



Synopsis

The fifth book in the popular Anansi trickster tales series by acclaimed author-and-illustrator team Eric A. Kimmel and Janet Stevens. Anansi is throwing a party. He invites Turtle, but plays so many tricks on him that Turtle can't have any fun. So turtle decides to get even and throws a part of his own. A companion to "Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock", "Anansi Goes Fishing", "Anansi and the Talking Melon," and "Anansi and the Magic Stick".

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Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 2 •Children will delight in hearing this tale of the spider's comeuppance. After Anansi invites Turtle to a party just to play a trick on him, Turtle exacts his revenge. Almost every page, illustrated in acrylic ink and colored pencils, has some comical element. Laughs abound from the twisted path on the party map invitation that Anansi initially sends to Turtle and then later when Turtle sends a similar one back, to the hilarious costumes that Turtle tries on before he makes his choice of what to wear. Crocodile and Hippo loom large on the page underwater as they try to guess the mystery animal party game. Stevens has captured additional humor in the animals' droll facial features. Children will ask for repeated readings as they pause over the details in the artwork.

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The latest in Kimmel-Stevens's series about the spider Anansi that figures prominently in West African folklore shows how the trickster himself gets tricked, this time by a plodding turtle. Anansi invites Turtle to a party, but his directions are circuitous, Turtle takes forever arriving, and then Anansi sends him back for various items until Turtle has missed the party. Turtle retaliates with an invite of his own to his underwater home that necessitates Anansi holding on to a crab to keep from floating away, causing him to miss all the fun. Stevens's mixed-media artwork adds to the story's comic intensity. Preschool-Grade 2. --Connie Fletcher --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

I purchased this book for a gift, but the story and hilarious illustrations make me want to keep it.

kids loved it

Turtle played a trick on Anansi, the spider, a long time ago, but he didn't forget. Some time after that when he was sure the trick was long forgotten, Turtle received an invitation, including a map, to a party at Anansi's house. Everyone loves a party, including Turtle. Invitation in hand he started off to the spider's house, but he was so slow it would take him a long time to get there. At last he arrived and knocked at the door only to find that he'd forgotten something, something he didn't know he was supposed to bring. "Where is your costume?" Back he went to his house. Of course it took Turtle a long time to get there and a long time to pick out a costume. Off to Anansi's house again where, as he soon found out, he had forgotten something he didn't know he was supposed to bring. "Where's your dish?" Back he went to his house. Naturally it took him a long time to go home and bring back the dish. Turtle was beginning to get discouraged when he was told that "Nobody can eat that plate. Go home and put something on it." By the time he did that and returned Anansi claimed the party was over and he realized he'd been tricked! Not to be undone, Turtle had a plan! This is a delightful story that young children will enjoy. They will soon figure out that sly Anansi has been up to no good and will root for poor Turtle to come up with a plan that even that tricky old spider can't figure out. The art work is fun and cheerful and will make this one a surefire page turner. "Dear Anansi, I'm having a party . . . " Do you think Turtle can trick the trickiest spider in town?

We've loved the trickster spider for years. This is like a sequel to another Anansi story, and it is rare that someone gets the best of him.

Anansi books are always awesome!

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