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Join Pete, from *New York Times* bestselling author James Dean's Pete the Cat picture-book series, as he visits a farm in this groovy version of the classic children's song "Old MacDonald Had a Farm." Children will love singing along—*e-i-e-i-o!*—with Pete the Cat.

## Pete the Cat: Old MacDonald Had a Farm Details

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## **From Reader Review Pete the Cat: Old MacDonald Had a Farm for online ebook**

### **Maddi Holmes says**

I would recommend this book for the early primary grades, kindergarten through first grade. I would categorize it as modern fantasy.

I think students will absolutely love this book! My preschoolers are obsessed with it! It does a great job at repetition, and including rhythm. I love the illustrations too! My only issue, is that I don't want to have to sing the song the entire time! Good books are meant to be read more than once, but this is a book that I do not like reading more than once a day. Maybe it's because I don't like to sing this song non-stop, or maybe because it seems like it never ends. Other than that, I think children would really enjoy reading this book!

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### **Parker Catlett-Miller says**

I could have done with a couple less pages on this one - I was hoarse by the time we finished singing...

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### **Samantha says**

This is Pete the Cat's version of Old MacDonald, nothing new, nothing that makes this especially Pete. Good for a read aloud with PreK-2, though I admit that I'm disappointed that this version doesn't contain anything unique.

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### **Karin says**

Very disappointing. Not only is it just the Old MacDonald song with Pete the Cat, it seems like it goes on forever with animals that don't normally appear in the song. It would be fine for the little ones, but really, I don't think they need pictures to prompt them with this song.

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### **Mama Bibliosoph says**

These singalong books in the Pete the Cat series don't rock the boat too much with new twists. But that's the point. They are designed to introduce traditional children's songs.

Old MacDonald Had a Farm has perhaps too many verses for some kids (and parents), but the 14 animal verses are a great way to get in a lot of practice labeling common farm and domestic animals and making animal sounds.

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I review books for children from the perspective of a parent of kids with autism. The review above is part of a longer post on books about singalong books: <https://www.lineupthebooks.com/40-sin...>

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### **Nikki says**

This is just Old McDonald had a farm. Not how a Pete the Cat book is supposed to go.

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### **David says**

I liked the different animals in this book, and the pictures. And I was surprised that this was a Pete the Cat book.

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### **Christina says**

Hot take: Pete the Cat looks stoned on every page and the text is just the song. Really don't get the appeal. Instead, read this far superior story, a Wikipedia article entitled "Peter, the Lord's cat":

**Peter, the Lord's cat** (1950 – 5 November 1964), also known as **The Marylebone mog**,<sup>[1]</sup> was a cat who lived at Lord's Cricket Ground in London from 1952 to 1964. He is the only animal to be given an obituary in the standard cricket reference book, Wisden Cricketers' Almanack.<sup>[2][3][4][5]</sup>

The obituary appeared in the 1965 edition of Wisden, under the name "CAT, PETER". It described him as "a well-known cricket-watcher" who "could often be seen prowling on the field of play"; he "loved publicity" and "frequently appeared on the television".<sup>[6]</sup> Despite this, it seems that no photographs of him are known, although his successor, Sinbad, was snapped during a Southern Schools v The Rest match in 1963.<sup>[7]</sup>

Peter is mentioned in the title of a 2006 anthology of Wisden obituaries, *Peter, the Lord's Cat: And Other Unexpected Obituaries from Wisden*.<sup>[8]</sup>

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### **Jen says**

eh. This is JUST Old MacDonald Had a Farm with cameos of Pete the Cat in the background. I think kids already enjoy Old MacDonald enough to not need Pete the Cat to tempt them into reading/singing it. Also the back of the book says it's an "adaptation" but I don't think that is the right way to describe it. still has cute pictures.

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### **Darlene Pasquale says**

- 1) no awards
- 2) Appropriate grade levels - toddlers-pre k
- 3) Summary - This is the classic “Old Macdonald” song with Pete the Cat walking us through the different animals. The book features a few new animals that don’t appear in the traditional version of the song, such as, geese and donkeys. While hearing an old favorite, children can learn about some new animals.
- 4) Review - This book is engaging because of the fun pictures, however, I do wish there was an added element or twist. I am not sure that young children would want to sit through so many pages of animals for an extended period. I also like the ending illustration of Pete the Cat with all of the farm animals standing together on the farm.
- 5) This can be used in the classroom to teach children about different kinds of animals, and to teach very young children about the sounds that animals make. For older children, a teacher can set up a felt board, with a barn, a tractor, and farm animals that appear in the story. The children could create their own stories using the materials. Children might also enjoy a farm animal sensory bin filled with dried corn or hay, and plastic farm animals.

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### **Lydia Rodriguez says**

This Pete the Cat book was my least favorite. This book was mostly the Old MacDonald song. I was expecting it to have something more unique about it but sadly it did not. Children still love Pete the Cat and love to sing so it a great book for young children.

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### **Bree says**

I know Pete the Cat has some catchy new songs. One about some white sneakers in particular, so I was surprised this book wasn’t any different than any other Old MacDonald song. Literally the only Pete the Cat thing is in the illustrations. It felt like a real miss opportunity to make it something new.

Another thing that was a miss for me was how long the book was. It didn’t seem to need to repeat that many times. I felt the little one I watch lose interest when it seemed to keep going and going.

All these things aside if you love singing the classic Old MacDonald tune this book is definitely for you.

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### **Cat Fithian says**

Yes, it's Pete and he's singing Old MacDonald. Nothing beyond the predictable here. Fans of Pete will like it a lot, and while I am a fan this seems like a half-hearted attempt to make more easy money off this mildly amusing cat character.

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**Elaine says**

Too long to sing quickly, but an excellent source for early literacy!

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**Storytime Lexie says**

Meh. It's just Pete the Cat singing Old Macdonald. It's fine but if I'm going to read a Pete the Cat book I expect something more.

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