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### Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Kindergarten-Grade 3—A hilarious version of the familiar tale. The pigs are named Trosclair, Thibodeaux, and Ulysse (also know as Boo), and their antagonist is Ol' Claude, the alligator of *Petite Rouge* infamy (Dial, 2001), who finishes off the straw and stick houses with a flap of his tail: 'Oh piggy,' say Claude with dat big gator smile./'Could I come inside of you house for a while?'/Dat's when Trosclair shout, 'No! I won't let you in;/Not by all dem hairs dat I got on my chin.' The gator is let off easy at the end: he is nursing a burnt tail from an encounter with Ulysse's roux, but is rescued by the pigs from becoming gumbo. Harris's amusing watercolor-and-pencil illustrations mirror the text with élan; they are full of funny details that beg to be looked at again and again (the little mouse is also back). Front matter includes a glossary of some Cajun words and a note about the rhyme scheme that facilitates reading the story aloud. Although Cajun variations on folktales are becoming plentiful, this one should not be missed.—*Judith Constantinides, formerly at East Baton Rouge Parish Main Library, LA*

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### Review

"This retelling of the traditional story is Cajun both in language and lesson. Emphasizing devotion to family and extending others the benefit of the doubt, it also conveys the very Cajun notion that there are few situations that cannot be improved with a big pot of gumbo among friends." —**Kirkus Reviews**

### About the Author

Mike Artell is an award-winning children's book author, illustrator and television cartoonist. Mike's books include nationally recognized lift-the-flap board books for small children and non-fiction books for older children. Mike has also written and illustrated teacher and parent resource books on subjects as diverse as ecology, parties, drawing and young authorship. In addition to his work as an author and illustrator, Mike also has extensive experience as:

- A musician who plays guitar, bass, keyboard and blues harmonica.
- A storyteller who regularly performs original poems and tales.
- A newspaper editorial cartoonist.
- A magazine and greeting card writer and cartoonist.
- A keynote speaker for major educational conferences.
- A marketing consultant/board member for several high technology companies.
- The host of his own television cartooning show.

Each year, Mike shares his books and his writing/drawing techniques with thousands of students at dozens of schools across the country. During that same year, Mike typically writes and illustrates 2 books, conducts 6 teacher workshops, addresses 10 educational conferences and visits 6 libraries or children's museums.

Mike also conducts "author/illustrator in residence" programs at schools. Mike has personally guided more than 4,000 students through the process of writing and illustrating their own picture books. For this work, Mike was recognized by the Northshore (LA) chapter of the International Reading Association for "exemplary service in the promotion of literacy."

Several of Mike's books have been award-winners. Most recently, Mike's astronomy book for children,

**Starry Skies**, was named a 1998 Best Science Book For Children by *Science Books and Films* magazine, a publication of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Mike's books have also been named "Pick of the Lists" by *Publisher's Weekly*, "Top 100" by *Curriculum Administrator Magazine* and "Teacher's Choice" by *Learning Magazine*.

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