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## ***I am the Wolf... and here I come!* by Benedicte Guettier**

**Publisher: Gecko Press**

**RRP \$19.99**

What is it about wolf stories that appeals to adults and children? Is it the ‘stranger danger’ message or the thrill of fear? Old favourites like *The Three Little Pigs*, *Little Red Riding Hood* and *What’s the time Mr Wolf?* hold the delicious expectation of being afraid, chased, and perhaps even being caught.

This vibrant, well-bound board book explores the “I’m coming to get you,” theme. The cover shows the lip-licking wolf is on the prowl for a tasty snack. The opening page leaves no doubt.

“Hello!  
I am the big, bad, wolf.”

The next illustration shows him putting on his underpants printed with red hearts. Don’t be fooled by the hearts. On following pages the wolf dons another piece of clothing which provides an opportunity to discuss getting dressed.

The bold outline of the wolf is set against a white background to enhance his presence. Each page flips upwards to elongate the wolf which increases the sense that he is ready to leap out. As the story progresses and the excitement mounts, the wolf’s hungry eyes and sharp teeth seem to become more menacing.

Be prepared for squeals and shrieks from the children on the last page. Best read during the day when energy levels are at their peak.

**Reviewed by children’s book author,  
Jean Bennett**

