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Mrs. Mo's Monster by Paul Beavis

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Mrs. Mo is surprised to be visited by a pushy monster who barges into her house demanding something to Crunch, Munch, and Chew. That is what monsters do.

“Not even a hello?” said Mrs. Mo. “How rude.”

With the zest for mischief that some long-suffering teachers will recognise, the small creature sets about munching his way through household goods. But the mild-mannered woman has a few counter moves of her own. Little-by-little, Mrs. Mo works on the monster's behaviour by giving him the chance to think about the consequences of his actions. With each act of destruction, she offers the energetic menace alternatives to consider.

The astute text is matched by the author's quirky illustrations of the grandmotherly Mrs. Mo and the out-of-control monster. As he undergoes Mrs. Mo's gentle behaviour modification, the hairy being becomes almost appealing. The bold background colours are a perfect foil for the simple scenes that focus on the two main characters.

The clever ending makes a clear connection with human children. A brilliant book for classroom discussion, or for grandparents to share with their own little treasures.

Reviewed by children's book author Jean Bennett

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