



## ***HELP! The Wolf is coming!* by Cedric Ramadier illustrated by Vincent Bourgeau**

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This creative boardbook invites children to participate in turning the big, bad wolf into a figure of fun. When the shadowy wolf appears in the distance, readers are asked to, "Stop him! Quick, turn the page!"

As the wolf comes closer with each new page, the instructions become more direct. "Quick! Tilt the book to the right and turn the page!"

Children become engrossed in the urgency of making the wolf lose his footing, and having him slip and slide until he's tipped over a cliff. But has he really gone? The delicious moment of sneaking a peek is great fun.

Strikingly illustrated with a bright yellow and grass green background, the focus remains fixed on the bold-black enemy. The wolf's expressive face shows young readers how to recognise different emotions through facial changes.

The generous-size boardbook is an interactive pleasure that turns shared reading upside-down and allows youngsters to enjoy having control over a scary creature. Yet, readers are made aware that it's wise to still be watchful.

**Reviewed by children's book author,  
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