



OUTSIDE OVER THERE

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ABOUT THE BOOK

With Papa off to sea and Mama despondent, Ida must go outside over there to rescue her baby sister from goblins who steal her to be a goblin's bride in this Caldecott Honor Book by Maurice Sendak.

STORYTIME ACTIVITIES

- **FRENZIED JIG:** In *Outside Over There*, Ida plays a “frenzied jig” that compels the goblins to dance and dance until they “quick churned into a dancing stream.” Play an example of a sailor’s jig and have children dance to the music. How does the music compel them?
- **ARTISTIC INSPIRATION:** Just as Maurice Sendak was inspired by Philipp Otto Runge, find inspiration in other artists. Have each child choose a painting by a famous artist. Ask children why they chose the painting and what they like about it. Then have each child create his or her own masterpiece, mimicking the style of the artist he or she chose.
- **FAIRY-TALE FAVORITES:** Perhaps Maurice Sendak borrowed the idea of goblins being unable to resist dancing from fairy-tale lore. Can children think of any other ideas in Maurice Sendak’s books and other stories that might be inspired by fairy tales, folktales, and myths?
- **MUSIC FOR GOBLINS:** Create horns to hum jigs and enchant goblins. For this activity you’ll need recycled paper towel tubes, waxed paper, rubber bands, and scissors. Ask children to cut out circles of waxed paper to cover the end of the tube, with an extra inch on all sides. Use a rubber band to secure the circle to the end of the tube. Instruct children to hum into the opposite end of their horns and create their own tunes!

