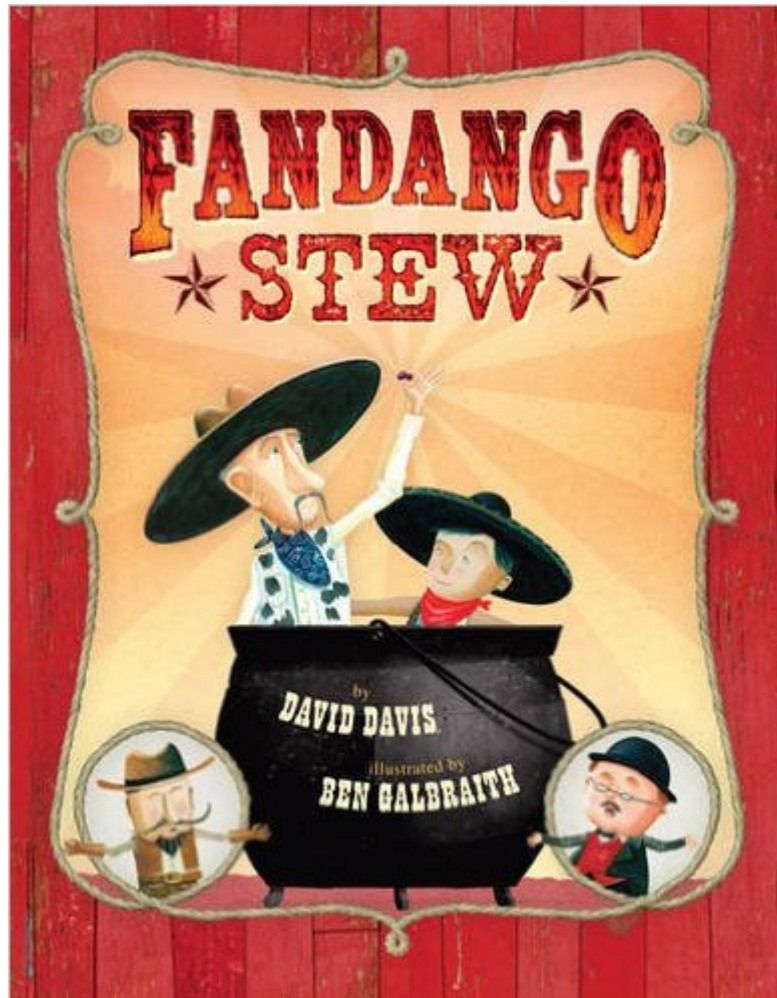


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# Fandango Stew



## Synopsis

Chili's good, so is barbecue, but nothing's finer than FANDANGO STEW! No money? No problem! In this sunny, funny western-style take on the famous folktale "Stone Soup," two penniless but wily vaqueros (cowboys) trick a whole town into cooking a giant pot of stew for everyone to share. David Davis's deliciously colorful language and Ben Galbraith's delightful illustrations make this picture book a tasty confection.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Gorgeous illustrations and a powerful voice for adults -- Just plain fun for the kids. What an exciting way to learn about sharing and compassion. I'm a fan of David Davis, have been for several years, and he is the king of turning a phrase into a powerful, frolicking mouthful of fun. Throw in colorful, old west poster board illustrations, and no kid will go hungry,

When I brought this book home last night I figured I'd gather the family around and read it today, but my kids beat me to it! Our 9-year-old found it this morning, started reading it in her best Texas accent and the 5 and 7-year-olds hung on her every word. I can't think of any higher praise for a children's book than when children pick it up and finish it on their own. Great book!

We LOVE this book. I picked out this book based on the name and the artwork which are wonderful, BUT the story is very sweet--it's about friendship, fellowship, sharing, resourcefulness, creating something extraordinary out of the ordinary and the enduring relationship of a grandfather and grandson. I enjoy creating the many character voices as well as brushing up on my cowboy accents. My son also reads along. He says, "One horse town" in surprised disbelief every time! It's pretty cute. I hope you pick up this book and may it become one of your favorites too. It's a keeper. I think my son's cowboy grandpa would be "right proud."

Taking its inspiration from the classic folk tale "Stone Soup," "Fandango Stew" creates a wonderful world of cowboy country right down to the fonts they use for the text. I didn't even recognize the origin of the story until well into the book, and an adage about the warm and fuzzy joys of sharing serves as a wonderful addition to the original. Great job.

This book has legs. I wasn't sold on it initially--the story's essentially a stone-soup re-write--but the western setting gives it some novelty (and room for cowboy accents!), and the illustrations are a feast--marvelous fodder for little detail-hunters. But what impresses me most is that our 3.5 year-old has been asking for this book on a semi-weekly basis for a year now, while other books seem to become old hat after six or seven reads.

My kids loved it so much that I bought three copies to give as gifts to friends with small children (girls and boys). All their children love the book, too. Great story with beautiful illustrations.

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