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## Oranges and Lemons Rhymes from Past Times

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### Description

**A nostalgic collection of some of the most well-known and best-loved nursery rhymes, reminding you of their words and exploring their origins and meanings.**

Everyone has their favourite nursery rhymes, learned when we were so young that we seem always to have known them and their instantly recognizable tunes and rhythms. For many, they were the first verses we heard, the first lines we learned by heart.

Much more than simple verses for children, nursery rhymes are interwoven with our earliest memories and are part of our heritage. This beautiful collection examines the history of these rhymes, looking at how they have evolved through the centuries, and the controversies surrounding their origins.

### Sales Points

- A nostalgic and entertaining look back through all the nursery rhymes and stories we remember fondly from our childhoods, together with an explanation of their origins and meanings
- Provides an opportunity to explore the real meaning and history of the rhymes, as well as the controversies surrounding them
- Featuring those best-loved rhymes, such as 'Ring O' Roses', 'Humpty Dumpty', 'Georgie Porgie' and 'Hickory Dickory Dock'
- From the publishers of *I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud...* (over 98,000 copies sold) and *Poems to Learn By Heart*, (over 23,000 sold) with over 140,000 sold across Michael O'Mara's poetry books

### Reviews

- 'Highly recommended to anyone with an interest in old rhymes, or really in history generally ... a beautiful book' - *The Bookbag*
- 'A beautifully presented, absorbing and informative book of best-loved and well-known nursery rhymes, children's songs and lullabies' - *The Countryman*

### Author Biography

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