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Description:

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle has been wildly popular with children and adults for over 50 years. Children adore her because she understands them--and because her upside-down house is always filled with the smell of freshly baked cookies, and her backyard with buried treasure. Grownups love her because her magical common sense solutions to children's problems succeed when their own cajoling and yelling don't. For the child who refuses to bathe, Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle recommends letting her be. Wait until the dirt on her body has accumulated to half an inch, then scatter radish seeds on her arms and head. When the plants start sprouting, the nonbather is guaranteed to change her mind about that bath.

Hilary Knight's (,) delightful pictures provide lively, droll accompaniment to Betty MacDonald's refreshing stories. Whether Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle is curing Answer-Backers or Slow-Eater-Tiny-Bite-Takers, her remedies always work like a charm. More than one parent over the years has

surreptitiously turned to Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle when Dr. Spock failed to come through. (Ages 8 to 12) --
Emilie Coulter --This text refers to an alternate edition.

From School Library Journal Kindergarten-Grade 3-Children will love this recording of the classic written by Betty MacDonald (HarperCollins, 1957) and read by Karen White. Youngsters are still fascinated with the idea of Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle who says that the hump on her back is full of magic. The house she shares with her dog, Wag, and cat, Lightfoot, is built upside-down except for the kitchen, bath, and stairs. Her past, which is somewhat mysterious, includes a pirate husband who supposedly buried treasure in the backyard. Unlike most parents, Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle understands exactly what children like to do to entertain themselves. The funny names and exaggerated situations add to the fun. In addition to providing a childhood wonderland in her home, Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle has a storehouse of "cures" for common childhood diseases including the Won't-Pick-Up-Toys cure, the Answer-Backer cure, the Never-Want-to-Go-to-Bedders cure, the Slow-Eater-Tiny-Bite-Taker cure, and several others. White perfectly captures the whiny voices of the children as well as the desperation of the parents. The portrayal of the parents in the stereotypes typical of the 1950's fits into the whole fantasy of Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle's world. This recording will find a large audience in public library children's collections and elementary school libraries.

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