



**BOOK TITLE:** **The House that Jack Built**  
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**SUMMARY OF BOOK:** This exciting little book is about a man named Jack who builds a house on a hilltop. It is filled with numerous rhymes, animals, colors, and humans and encourages the child to “read along” with the pictures.

**\*BEFORE READING** (Ask questions and use what the child already knows to add to the discussion, assisting the child in understanding and enjoying the book):

1. Looking at the picture on the cover, what does the child think the story will be about?
2. Where is the house?
3. Will Jack be the only one in the house?
4. As you now page through, looking at the pictures, is Jack still alone in the house? What do you think is happening?

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**DURING READING:** (ask these questions)

1. As you read aloud, point to the word in large type and to the picture below. As it repeats throughout the story, point to the picture and have the child say what it is.
2. As you come across certain words (malt, maiden, forlorn), ask if your child knows what they mean before going on.
3. Look outside the house: what’s happening to the weather? Time of day?
4. Have your child describe what’s happening in the pictures.
5. At the end, count up how many animals are in the house, how many people.

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**AFTER READING** (activity to extend book experience):

1. Talk about what tools it would take to build a house.
2. Have the child draw a picture of a house and fill it with the kinds of animals and people that come by where you live.
3. Stand in front of your house with your child and identify its parts: door, window, roof, chimney, etc.

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