The specific ordering and set of people and sometimes animals varies. However, in the original Russian version the order is quite fixed, it is the grandfather (dedka), the grandmother (babka), the granddaughter (vnuchka), the female-dog (zhuchka), the female-cat (koshka) and finally the female-mouse (myshka). The humour in the story is that only with the help of the weakest and smallest creature (the mouse) can the giant turnip (repka) be pulled up. One of the unfinished projects of award-winning illustrator Ezra Jack Keats was a version of "The Giant Turnip"; artwork for the book was published in the 2002 collection Keats's Neighborhood: An Ezra Jack Keats Treasury.[4]. See also[edit]. Children's literature portal. Based on the classic Russian fairy tale The Gigantic Turnip (or The Enormous Turnip) by Aleksey Nikolayevich Tolstoy. Sheet size (unfolded): 2,050 x 594mm (80 x 23''). Sheet is waterproof and durable. Big Book: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. US$ 57. Add to cart. Nocilis Children Flexible Learning Toy Set 1. US$ 208. Add to cart. The Turnip book. Read 117 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. In a rollicking, cumulative tale, a badger family and their friends Hed... The idea of finding a giant turnip really tickled my fancy, and I couldn't stop thinking about it. How could I make my story different from the old Russian tale? I decided to use animal characters. I modeled the badger family after the European badger, with its striking coat and mischievous expression. They were the first to tackle the giant turnip. The story is pretty cute, with a clever ending, but the illustrations are what really set it apart. It is not just the illustrations of the actions, but there are borders and side pictures with amazing details paying homage to Russian art. flag 2 likes Â· Like Â· see review. Tuesday, September 7, 2010. The Great Big Turnip. Sm rm 5.00. Ss rm 6.00. A turnip in a farmer's garden grows to an enormous size. Everyone comes to help pull it out. SPECIFICATIONS â¢ Book size: 184mm (W) x 260mm (H) [7Â¼'' (W) x 10Â¼'' (H)] â¢ No. of pages: 16 â¢ Full colour throughout â¢ Saddle-stitched. Posted by sydsenses at 9:32 PM. Newer Post Older Post Home. The Giant Turnip is a 19th century children's tale that originates from Russia, but has since been retold by many people including, most notably, Ladybird Books. The story varies, but the traditional story tells the tale of a farmer who plants a turnip and when harvest time comes he canâ€™t pull it out of the ground himself, so he asks a variety of people (and animals) to help him. This section contains a selection of teaching resources designed to support the teaching of The Great Big Turnip in schools and early years settings. A large banner featuring images based on the Great Big Turnip, ideal for using in classroom displays The Great Big Turnip Display Banner. A set of editable labels featuring images from The Great Big Turnip. The Great Big Turnip Editable Labels.