Big Bad Gator Claude will do anything to have a taste of Petite Rouge . . . even if it means putting on a duck bill, flippers, and frilly underwear. He presents no match for the spunky heroine and her quick-thinking cat TeJean, though, as they use some strong Cajun hot sauce to teach Claude a lesson he will never forget!

The combination of hilarious rhyme and exaggerated art creates a highly original retelling of the classic fairy tale. A pronunciation guide/glossary accompanies a tempting dialect that begs to be read aloud or acted out again and again. This is Little Red Riding Hood as she’s never been seen before: Cajun and ducky.

I teach music to elementary students. While this book has nothing to do with music every now and then I surprise my students with a book; especially after a performance or before a holiday. My grandparents lived in the French Quarter for 45 years and my aunt still lives there. When I was young I would stay there every summer with my cousins who insisted I speak like them; when in Rome... When I found this book and began sharing it, my students (and several teachers) found it very entertaining. I had their attention with the dialect and even more so with the illustrations.
The illustrations are wonderful and fit the story to a T. I'm always trying to promote drawing and painting with my students since we don't have an art teacher. It also gave me a chance to share another view of a familiar tale and how one can make a story their own.

I now have the Three Little Cajun Pigs, also by Mike Artell. Claude de Gator appears again. I sure hope that Mr. Artell creates more of these stories, with the same illustrator. They are great fun!

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