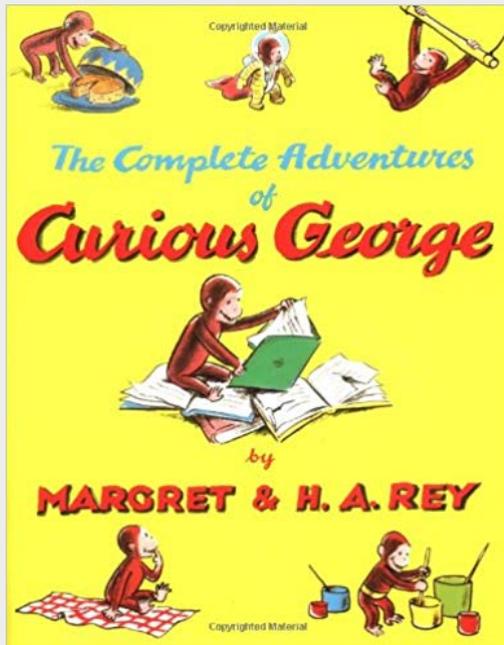


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Curious George, the monkey with the talent for trouble, has delighted millions of readers for more than fifty years. Now fans can have all seven of the original Curious George titles in one complete volume. Stories included in this collector's edition are Curious George, Curious George Takes a Job, Curious George Rides a Bike, Curious George Gets a Medal, Curious George Flies a Kite, Curious George Learns the Alphabet, and Curious George Goes to the Hospital.



Reviews of the **The Complete Adventures of Curious George** by Madeleine L'Engle, Margret Rey



1. lets go baby

I got the electronic version of The Complete Adventures of Curious George. The introduction contains information on the authors and how the story came to be. At the end of the book is an essay about the authors that contain actual photographs. All this is just a bonus compared to having all the Curious George books in one place. The reading is easy for adults to read out loud, though not as smooth as Dr. Suez books, it is still a book I don't mind reading every word to my kids, over and over again (well okay, most of the time). Maybe having so many adventures to choose from makes it easy to read the same book for many days in a row. It also helps that I loved these stories as a child myself. A great addition to any library. I chose the electric format so we could have something when we traveled. And this version does have all pictures

2. huckman

Alrighty, so this is yet another book I purchased in a madcap effort to find things to help my sweet little son, who has Autism among other things, prepare for an upcoming hospital procedure.

This is a book I have some mixed feelings about. One of the most important things you need to know about this book is that it's 48 pages long. My daughter (who is 10) initially read it, and it was so long I didn't think I was going find time to make my way through it, and I absolutely new based on the amount of text on the page that I was never going to get our son to sit through this thing, so I was planning on relying on her thoughts for this review. But then our handsome little man fell asleep for his nap, and I decided not to pin all of this on my daughter and actually read the thing myself.

So first her thoughts: She said it's cute, but many parents might prefer a shorter book. Indeed, I personally would say this is more appropriate for a developmentally normal 7 year old, whereas the book is rated for ages 4-7. It's a lot of text for younger children. I asked her if she thought it was what hospitals are really like now (because the original pub date was in 1966) and she said some things, kind of. Other things, no. And I think she's got that just right.

So for me personally, I kind of liked that George ends up in the hospital

because he ate something. I can totally see our little man doing that. But I didn't think it was quite as accurate when they sent him home with the puzzle piece and he got to use it in the end. You know, stomach acid is pretty corrosive. Our fluffy little catzilla, who has always been trying to get rid of his nine lives as fast as his cute furry self could, managed many years ago to go on a middle of the night eating spree that necessitated a very expensive emergency surgery to save him from his perforating bowels. They showed me the contents they pulled out in a bag, and all I can say is "ew!" Major "ew!" And totally not reusable. So that was probably supposed to be humorous, but...that's going to depend I think on the person reading it.

I think some parts of the hospital experience, like needles being there and hurting a bit, and going under during anesthesia and waking up in the recovery room, are indeed useful...if your kid has the patience to wade through the text to get there. And some things are really out of date, like the outfits, the equipment, and the record player. And that really matters, especially when it comes to the illustrations, because unless you are showing them more up to date pictures as part of this process, your children won't really be prepared for what they will actually see in a modern hospital.

And this bit is kind of a personal thing, but I personally quirked an eyebrow when I read the line, "Then the pretty young nurse..." Did we really need to go there? As a woman who used to have a professional career before I became the fabulous stay at home mom I am today, I kind of didn't appreciate the implied sexism in that line. I don't have any problem being a woman, I don't have any problem with people thinking I'm pretty. But when I'm working as a professional, you better believe that's not what I want people to notice about me first. I want them to respect and notice my skills, because at the end of the day, that's what's going to end up mattering most in their overall experience with me in the workplace.

So having actually worked in the healthcare setting, I'd say it's more of a 3 star book for preparing a child for what they'd currently experience. And it's way too long for most young children to get through in one sitting I think, but because my daughter thought it was a cute fun book, I figured probably your kiddos may enjoy it as a cute read regardless of it's usefulness in actual surgery prep.

3. Ttexav

I bought this to have a collection of the original stories, and my son loves them. I remember lots of these from when I was little, and it's nice to be able to read them together. The book has also held up well to repeated use by a 3-year-old.

The true hero of this purchase, though, is the fact that it comes with two CDs that have ALL the stories on them! When I first noticed this I was surprised and not that excited-- CDs are great, but I wasn't sure how often I'd use them. Over the summer, however, they've been a lifesaver! My 3-year-old has learned to follow the story along in the book while listening to the recording, and will ask for it over and over and over again. Far better than just having him watch TV, in my opinion.

Absolutely wonderful purchase, so happy with it!

4. Mightdragon

but thankfully this book hasn't. these are the original curious george stories with all the stuff that would never fly in children's stuff today: curious george smoking a pipe, getting arrested, breaking his bones, huffing ether and passing out...

i honestly think these are awesome, and my daughter loves them too. it's nice to see something that hasn't been sterilized for easy consumption.

edit: this review is ONLY for "The Complete Adventures of Curious George: 70th Anniversary Edition". amazon is pulling it into the board book collection for some reason, and those ARE sterilized for the modern age.

5. Morad

My 3 year old LOVES the curious george books. He is really able to follow the stories and loves playing pretend acting out the books after he reads them.

We read this book when preparing my son to get his tonsils out. I really think that it helped prepare him and make him not so afraid for his surgery. I would recommend this for anybody whose child is having surgery. It makes it not seem so scary.

If this helped you please click YES!

6. Nekora

My son had to be in the hospital for a major surgery. This book helped calm his fears. It was the only book I could find that covered surgery and time at the hospital. This helped my son not be afraid of his big day. I am so glad this book exists. Curious George is a much loved character in our home. That also helped.

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