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Richard Scarry's Best Storybook Ever



Synopsis

A treasury of classic books from the one and only, Richard Scarry! Featuring over 80 Richard Scarry classics, this treasury is nearly 300 pages of fun, adventure, and discovery. Filled with beloved excerpts from stories like "I am a Bunny," "Goodnight Little Bear," "The Rooster Struts," and more, readers will find it easy to see why this is - most definitely - the "Best Storybook Ever."

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Customer Reviews

Richard Scarry is one of the world's best-loved children's authors EVER! Generations of children all over the world have grown up spending hours poring over his books filled with all the colorful details of their daily lives. No other illustrator has shown such a lively interest in the words and concepts of early childhood. For himself, whenever he was asked how old he was, Scarry would always put up one hand and laugh, saying, "five!" Born in 1919, Richard Scarry was raised and educated in Boston, Massachusetts. After five years of drawing maps and designing graphics for the US Army, he moved to New York to pursue a career in commercial art. But after showing his portfolio to one of the original editors at Golden Books, he found the perfect home for his children's books. The assignments first given to Scarry tended to be Little Golden Books that featured popular characters of the day, such as Winky Dink, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and Smokey the Bear. Eventually Scarry created many original characters, such as Lowly Worm and Huckle Cat. But first came Nicholas, a young rabbit clad in red overalls, for the now-iconic board book "I Am a Bunny."

After Scarry married children's textbook writer Patricia Murphy, she wrote many stories for him as Patsy Scarry, including the bestselling Little Golden BooksÂ Good Night, Little BearÂ andÂ The Bunny Book. In his extraordinary career, Richard Scarry illustrated more than 150 books, many of which have never been out of print. His books have sold over 100 million copies around the world and are currently published in more than 20 languages. Richard Scarry Jr., also an illustrator, carries on his father's work today under the name of Huck Scarry. Richard Scarry passed away at his home in Gstaad, Switzerland, in 1994. He was posthumously awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society of Illustrators in 2012.

I grew up with Richard Scarry and now that I have kids of my own, it's great to find his works still on offer. What's to say about this volume? It's a fabulous hardcover with great illustrations, and the kids haven't stopped browsing through it since it arrived. Perfect. Favorites: the alligator car, the shark car, and the page on which several characters are having a picnic on the beach. If you don't know Richard Scarry, get this for your toddlers. They'll absolutely LOVE it. The amount of detail is unmatched, and Richard Scarry's talent for creating simple, yet engaging new concepts from juxtapositions of ideas that small children have already mastered is on full display.

Best children's book ever! Great baby shower gift. I had all the guests at my sister's shower sign the book with words of love and inspiration.

My family and I have loved this book for years. My youngest brother got one as a child and he and his son read it together when he was little. A wonderful family heirloom. I bought one for my oldest brother for Christmas last year. His reaction to the book was priceless! He suddenly became a little boy again and was so excited to receive it.

I purchased one of these books for my daughter many years ago, and even now she still likes to read the stories because they're so classic. The format is collection of stories, some long, some short, some basic and some more advanced. For any child 2 years and above, this book has something they can enjoy. Many of the stories take place in different European countries, and I enjoy sharing these places and stories with my children. I liked it so much, I bought a second one for my infant son so he can have his own copy.

I had a copy of this book when my children were young and was thrilled to find a new copy for my

grand-children. This is the perfect children's book: There are longer and short stories. Poems. Something for every age. Lots of colorful, fun pictures. I appreciate that the illustrations are so kid-friendly (nothing ugly or inappropriate.) There are stories that have become favorites....we have to read "Hungy Hilda" every night!

I vividly remember my parents reading to me from this book when I was really little, and I still recall how much I loved the pictures, and the fact that almost every item is labeled. In my pre-reading mind, I used to delight in knowing that the jumble of letters next to each "thing" (be it a hat, a book, a nose, etc.) revealed the item's name, and this truly excited me to learn to read. I don't know what happened to that book I had as a child, so I was thrilled to find this on for a great price. Now that I have a daughter of my own, who is 19 months, this will make a perfect Christmas present for her. She is not quite at the age where she has the patience to sit down and be read to a story book with an actual plot (even a really basic one), but if I simply point to objects in a book and tell her what they are, she's all ears. So Richard Scarry seems like a great book to get her started on. This is also a really nice hardcover with sturdy pages, so it's a great gift book for others. (I gifted one to my 3-year-old goddaughter as well!).

I am so grateful that Richard Scarry's books remain in print. These are easy to start and stop. You can build a young child's vocabulary and yet these books will last until your child begins to read to you. Great purchase.

I love Richard Scarry books. His illustrations are marvelous and this book is chock-full of stories, words to teach your little one, activities, etc. It's a great book for a birthday or a baby shower and is quite large. :)

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