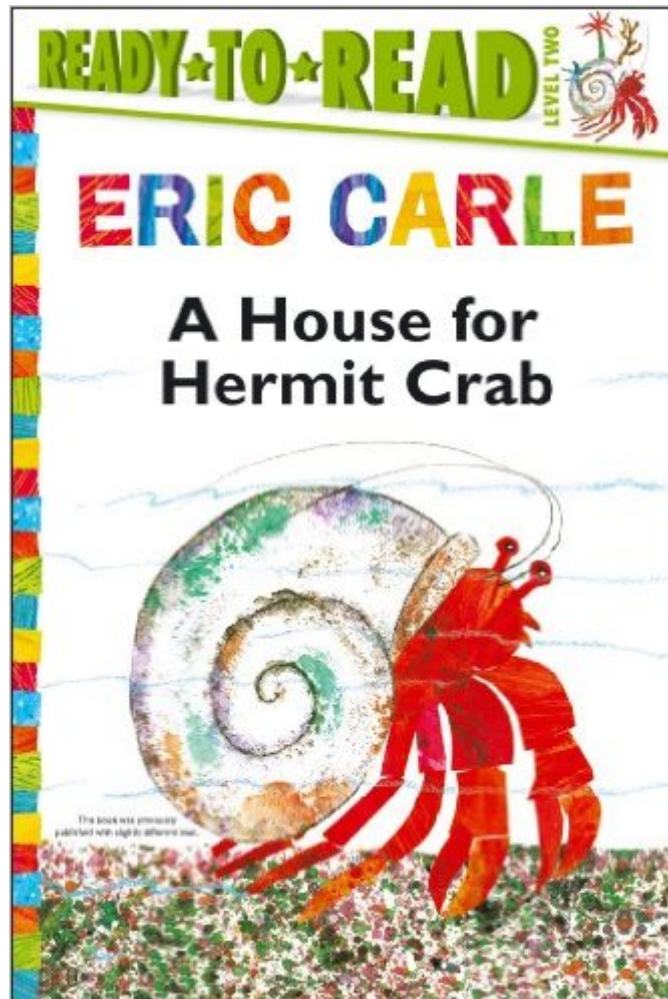


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# A House For Hermit Crab (The World Of Eric Carle)



## Synopsis

Hermit Crab seeks the perfect home and learns to appreciate change in this Ready-to-Read edition of Eric Carle's beloved story. In this classic story from Eric Carle, Hermit Crab grows out of one house after another as he searches for the perfect home. Children who must change schools, move to a new town, or even graduate to a new grade in school will relate to Hermit Crab's situation and take heart as they see that growing up isn't really so scary after all. Filled with whimsy and wisdom and based on the true behaviors of the hermit crab, this modern classic features Eric Carle's trademark vibrant collage illustrations and lively text that has been adapted into a Level 2 Ready-to-Read edition, making it ideal for newly independent readers.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 7 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 2

## Customer Reviews

A little hermit crab must find a new home and discovers new friends and possibilities in the process. The book has lots of other goodies such as different sea creatures to count, colors, names of the month and is a nice tie-in to a beginning marine life book if you want to explore that too. You can read this one many times and still enjoy!

In the spring my niece bought a hermit crab for her three children (no pets allowed where they live).

With it she bought a larger shell for the future. It is hand painted in red, white, and blue. Since then the hermit crab moved out of his original house into his patriotic one. She also bought this book to go with the actual living, breathing hermit crab. "A House for Hermit Crab" is another in the line of books by Eric Carle, featuring bright colors, imaginative design, repetitive patterns, and educational stories that so appeal to children. Let's count the ways that this book is highly recommended: 1. Bold, vivid colors 2. Twelve calendar months to suggest time and life patterns that correspond with the passing of time 3. Life cycle of hermit crabs: I didn't know anything about them until my niece bought one and this book. I certainly didn't know they had to find their own houses! 4. Unspoken support for recycling! How many times is a hermit's crab house re-used after the snail stops its use and crabs take over? 5. The concept of continuous change and having a positive attitude toward change. 6. Taking the simple and making it your own, through decoration in this case. 7. Carle's explanation of hermit crabs on the title page and a glossary in the back for the various creatures the crab meets on his year-long journey. My goodness, this book is awesome! My heart swells for the life of a simple hermit crab. This book celebrates him!

...And that it is what this book is teaching children. No matter where you go or what new situations you might face, there are always new and exciting possibilities to which one should look forward. On another level, it is an endearing story about a growing hermit crab, illustrated with the typically spectacular Eric Carle drawings. My 5 1/2 year old daughter loves ALL his books!

I should've checked the product dimensions before purchasing this- it is way too small! We love this story, but the book is extremely tiny.

Ok, this is partially my fault, but I really shouldn't have to read the dimensions of a book in the product description. The product title should include the word mini or small. This is a tiny little book, not a full size version. Even my daughter, when she opened it, said how small the words are. I had put another Eric Carle book in my cart, but then noticed the title said, "mini book," and removed it. Since this one did not proclaim the same, I wrongly assumed it was okay. The story itself is terrific. It's one of my favorites from childhood, so wanted to get it for my daughter. I won't send it back, because it's not worth the hassle, and technically I didn't read the small print - pun intended. I definitely recommend the story for young readers, but find a normal sized book so it will be more enjoyable.

This is a nice story and I thoroughly enjoyed it but I have to say that my two children (3 and 5) did not. I think what kept them from appreciating this book was that it was a) a bit long, and b) a little over their heads. Certainly for an Eric Carle book there is a lot of text. Some pages having over 75 words. Now, certainly we are talking about two children out of the many described here, so I wouldn't necessarily be discouraged from buying this book if your kids can sit down for a fairly long read. But from our point of view (which is the purpose of a review after all) we will have to wait until later to enjoy "A House for Hermit Crab". Three stars. Long with esoteric content.

I love the way the hermit crab decorates his house and then asks for the new owner to take care of it as he moves on to a larger house which he will decorate, too. Eric Carle's collage is so colorful and fun. For hermit crab lovers P. HERMIT CLAIMS A CASTLE joins the books on this subject with a little different twist, an environmental message that marine creatures belong in their natural habitat. It is different because P. Hermit has to face a fantasy world outside his habitat interfacing with some turtles before he finds the home of his dreams in his natural habitat. But it has a place in the library with all the wonderful hermit crabs like Eric Carle's wonderful house decorator.

This book is so good - and a wonderful allegory for anybody facing a life change. A child will enjoy the simple story of a hermit crab looking to decorate his shell, and all the creatures who agree to help him. But the sub-context of change - and greeting it with enthusiasm - is what draws me to this book. I plan on buying it for my son when he enters kindergarten this fall, and will give it to others who will be facing similar challenges.

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