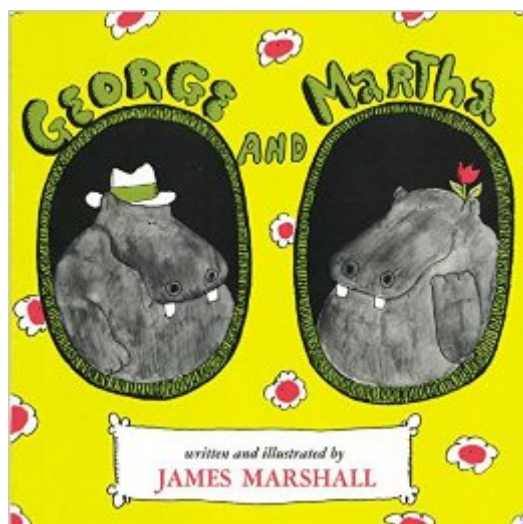


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# George And Martha



## Synopsis

Two lovable hippos teach the meaning of friendship in five separate vignettes: "Split Pea Soup," "The Flying Machine," "The Tub," "The Mirror," "The Tooth."

## Book Information

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Series: George and Martha

Paperback: 48 pages

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

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## Customer Reviews

This is a terrific book for anybody, even though its marketed as a young children's book. I love this book, (and I'm 12) and my parents and older sister, (who pretends not to) do too. This book chronicles the stories of two best friends, who just so happen to be hippos. They relate moral messages, but in a far from preachy way. The illustrations are colorful and the two hippos are shown as cute and cuddly. (aw[...] they sell these really cute George and Martha dolls somewhere) In short this is a great book for anybody. So read it!

George and Martha, two hippos who are best friends have amazing adventures in this easy to read, fun to experience set of short tales. I think, no, I'm sure that my wife likes this book more than our children do, and our children love it. There are now several quotes from this book that have become common place at our home. One is, "It's important to sample new products." Try this book, you'll enjoy it thoroughly. The art work appears simple, but it's appropriately wonderful to the tone and

stories of these two good friends.5 stars, no question about it.

These are great tales of friendship--even for beginners, like my 4 yr old preschool class. They love all the little stories. A few go over their heads, but they get the concept of the humor and companionship represented by these sweet, lovable, sometimes mischevious and selfish hippos. I've tried reading them the other George and Martha books, but this is their favorite. Gosh, thank God for James Marshall and his inventions!(We have an old copy---the kids love the "pink cookies" Martha offers George instead of pea soup!)Sampling:George doesnt want to eat Marthas pea soup, so he pours it in his shoesGeorge knocks out his favorite tooth. Which is your favorite tooth?George gets tired of Martha looking at herself in the mirror all the time; she even wakes up in the middle of the nite to do it. So he pastes a silly picture of her on her mirror....There are George and Martha stuffed animals out there, too.Any relation to George and Martha Washington?

I bought this book based on the high ratings and glowing reviews and was very disappointed. The examples don't appear to be well-chosen, nor are do the lessons seem well-taught. Here are my issues with it:The first story teaches that you should always tell your friends the truth. The parable the author uses is a bad example. George tells a white lie to avoid hurting Martha's feelings. White lies can be a good thing, and the complete truth is sometimes unkind.Another story is supposed to teach the importance of privacy. In it, George, fond of peeping, offends Martha when he peeps through her bathroom window while she's bathing. She tells him: there is such a thing as privacy.In one story, when Martha, preoccupied with admiring herself in the mirror, is told by George that she'll look like a silly picture he has drawn of her, she resolves never to look in the mirror again.Darling illustrations, but dull stories that don't quite teach the lessons I want to teach.

George and Martha is as humorous as Pooh Bear getting stuck in a tree! First, Martha makes split pea soup for George, but George hates split pea soup, so he pours it in his shoes. Second, Martha catches him doing this. She tells him that she doesn't like split pea soup either. She just makes it because she thought George likes it! Third, Martha makes cookies, so everyone is happy! George and Martha is one of my favorite books... and I'm in sixth grade!

Ah, George and Martha...there are about half a dozen George and Martha books, each having a few stories. I bought one of those and my grandsons WERE FASCINATED, they requested I read that book repeatedly. I did research and discovered this book which is a compilation of all the

George and Martha stories. Again, it was the only book we read. I also discovered 3 VCR cys of the short lived PBS series which ran in the 90s (I think) which the grandsons also love. If had 10 stars, that's what I would post for my rating for this book. I've bought two copies of this compilation as the first fell apart (bought it used). My grandsons are 5 and 6 yrs and we've had our books and tapes close to two years.

I love George and Martha books. I'd purchased this for a 4 year old, but decided after reading this particular selection that I should wait a year or two. The approach/stories are a little bit "mature" or complex or something. This particular edition is about friendship (well, aren't they all in a way?) Next year, I think. Or maybe I'll give it to some adults I know who need to be reminded.

I've loved G & M from the start--they're charming but bumbling animals who will win the hearts of everyone who reads them. The stories and illustrations are delightful, and the stories contain soft-sell lessons about good manners, sensitivity to others, and the need to overlook small faults.

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