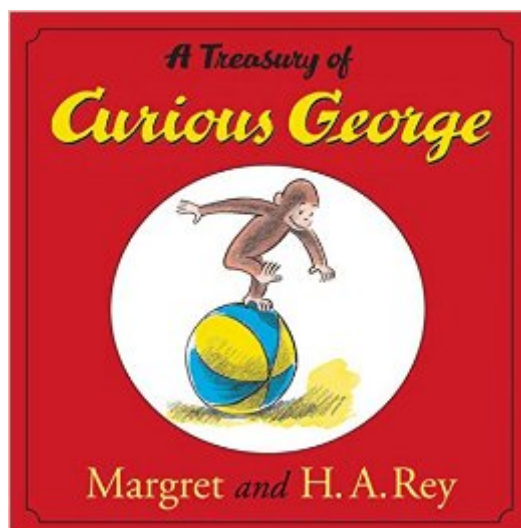


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# A Treasury Of Curious George



## Synopsis

• He was a good little monkey and always very curious. • This is how H. A. Rey and his wife, Margret, first introduced their now beloved troublemaker-hero to young readers in 1941. In this hefty 192-page hardcover treasury, Curious George fans will find eight stories based on the popular primate, painted in Rey's original watercolor and charcoal style: Curious George Takes a Train (2002), Curious George Visits a Toy Store (2002), Curious George and the Dump Truck (1999), Curious George and the Birthday Surprise (2003), Curious George Goes Camping (1999), Curious George Goes to a Costume Party (2001), Curious George Visits the Library (2003), and Curious George in the Big City (2001). A wonderful collection for your own mischievous monkey. For more monkey fun, investigate [www.curiousgeorge.com](http://www.curiousgeorge.com) and discover all the latest on Curious George books, promotions, games, activities, and more!

## Book Information

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Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

My son received this book over a year ago at age two. He LOVES it. We have to read at least one Curious George story every night. All eight stories are wonderful Curious George tales (Takes a Train, Visits a Toy Store, and the Dump Truck, Goes Camping, and the Birthday Surprise, Goes to a Costume Party, Visits the Library, in the Big City). To address one CG reviewer's concern, neither George nor the Man with the Yellow Hat smoke in any of these stories. This collection has held up

well with the usage and is a great price. I highly recommend it.

I was disappointed with this book; I ordered it online without realizing that it was a recent publication, illustrated 'in the style of' H.A. Rey. Both the illustrations and the stories lack the charm of the originals.

Our daughter LOVES Curious George- we already had the "Complete Adventures of Curious George" when we decided to buy the "Treasury". We were aware that the "Treasury" was not by the original authors, but rather "inspired" by their work, and were a bit hesitant to purchase it, particularly based on a few less than flattering comments on the [...] website- some found it formulaic, drawings uninspired, etc. We were pleased with our purchase. Our daughter loves this book, currently more than "Adventures", likely because she hasn't completely memorized it! The illustrations are good (if perhaps subtly different than H.A. Rey's), the plot lines entertaining (maybe stories about a mischievous monkey can't help but be to be a bit formulaic). These books were written in the 1990s and 2000s, so it's not surprising that no one smokes in them and minorities are more visible (without, in our opinion, the books striving to be overwhelmingly politically correct). But reading "Curious George Visits the Big City", obviously set in New York, saddened us. There's a scene where George is looking out over the city, and what look to be the World Trade Center is visible in the distance. This particular book was written in the 90s, based on a view that today's children will never see. If your children liked the original George book, they will enjoy this one too. Highly recommended.

These Curious George stories are what you'd expect - predictable and formulaic (George goes somewhere, he ignores Yellow man, he gets into trouble, and then undoes it with something good, etc. Sorry if I ruined it for anyone.) But what I found a little troublesome is that the title was listed as by H. A. Rey and Margaret Rey, but it's not until you start reading the interior that you find that the stories and art were done "in the style" of them, but not by them. I think it's a little cheeky to advertise that way. But as far as the stories and art go, these hold the interest of the kids but don't really teach them anything (other than that you can be rotten and then get away with it by doing something good. If only real life worked like that... I've flubbed a few projects at work that I wish I could have followed up by making a cake for my manager. Maybe that would work?)

This is a fairly cynical effort by a publisher trying to wring every last penny out of the creation of a

deceased author. Although the book cover says in prominent lettering, "Margaret and H.A. Rey", do not be fooled. They had nothing to do with this. Rather, every story is "in the style of" Margaret and H.A. Rey. It's pretty obvious the stories were churned out as quickly as possible, as they all have basically the same plot, same resolution. Do a little research, get the original Curious George books by the Reys, and you'll be much happier.

Looking at the title, artwork, and author names on the outside of this book, one would expect it to be a collection of the classic Curious George books. Rather this "treasury" has stories written from 1999 to 2003. The stories aren't bad, but this is not what I thought I was purchasing.

We are big fans of Curious George at our house! I love these treasury books that give you so many wonderful stories all in one. We have read this treasury (and many others) over and over again - they never get old. They are also great books for beginning readers to read once they can master other books like Biscuit or other 'I can read' level 1 or pre-readers. One thing that I did with my children when they started reading these was alternate. Depending on how confident they are, you can start with alternating sentences and then alternating pages. Another thing that helped my son was tapping my hand when he didn't know a word...then he would continue on after I would read only that word. This helped because he could get pretty frustrated and angry sometimes. After implementing the 'tap,' reading no longer became a chore or something that made you feel bad because you didn't know some of the words. After that, we were just able to enjoy the stories together knowing we might not know every word, and that is okay because sometimes we need a little help. The tap helped because he didn't have to keep saying "I don't know this!!!!" We found that a really easy solution to solve that issue. But back to Curious George...really fun stories for kids and adults alike! And purchasing the treasury books are a cost-effective way to add a ton of books (8 in this one!) to your home library. Highly recommend!

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