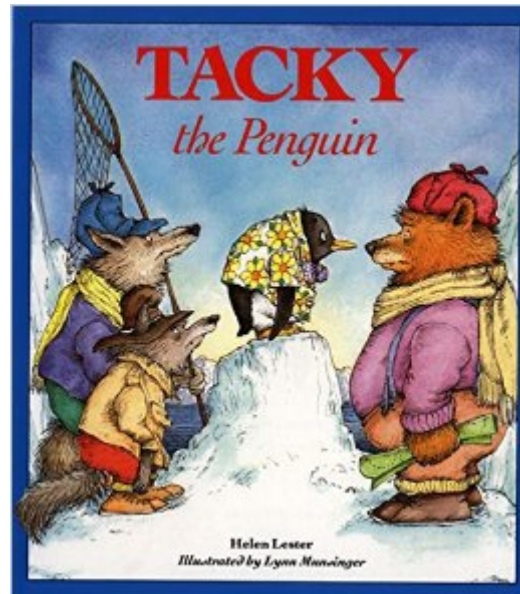


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# Tacky The Penguin



## Synopsis

Tacky's perfect friends find him annoying until his odd behavior saves the day.

## Book Information

Lexile Measure: AD810L (What's this?)

Series: Tacky the Penguin

Paperback: 32 pages

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Tacky the Penguin was an odd bird; not at all behaving like his companions (you know, orderly). Oh well! Let's face it! He was just plain tacky! He did have one saving asset--he could "think outside the box!" Although author Helen Lester doesn't ever resort to the killer of young children's stories--PREACHING!--she makes her points so gracefully that the book is a perfect opener to the lesson of TOLERANCE. Like many good children's stories, this one certainly invites a grownup to get into a gentle discussion about other children that seem a bit different. That differences (per se) are not bad, but rather makes our world interesting, and sometimes can actually save lives. We are, after all, an interdependent society. Definitely not an empty-headed action story! For my six year old grand-daughter, it provoked an entire stream of anecdotes about classmates and playmates and her odd little brother.

Tacky is the cutest children's book I have read! I'm 15 and I still read it! It is very funny and gives children a good message about being yourself. All kids should read it!

VERY POOR quality RECORDING. VOLUME VARIES TOO MUCH, resulting in flinching when it increases suddenly, and straining when the reader's voice gets too soft; both happen frequently making listening pretty frustrating. Please don't try to listen to this one while driving in the car. NARRATION begins immediately after the PAGE TURN SIGNAL sounds, making it very frustrating to try to follow along using that side of the cassette. It's challenging enough for adults to turn the pages fast enough on this recording. It would be next to impossible for a child of almost any age to do so. A re-issue would be much appreciated as the STORY IS WONDERFUL AND HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!

Our 2 1/2 year old daughter loves to have her daddy read her this book over and over again. Although she can't read, she knows the book so well that she is able to tell us the story just by looking at each page. Tacky teaches us that it is OK to be an "odd bird" because that's what makes us all so unique. So, march and sing off key and enjoy yourself!

"Tacky the Penguin" is poorly formatted for the Kindle. The pages are printed straight out of the book with words too small to read, and then the same printed text in Kindle format on the previous or following pages. Numbers and letters which mean nothing out of context are jumbled right on in with everything else. An extreme example is on the final pages, where the letters from the music sheet are printed right in with the lyrics. I'm surprised my daughter could make it all out.

Both of my children (aged 4 and 5 1/2) have enjoyed all of the Tacky books, but this first book is probably the best of the series. Tacky is an unorthodox penguin who seems to either be unaware of how different he is or unconcerned with the fact beginning with his wild Hawaiian shirt attire in contrast to the buttoned up tuxedo look of his penguin peers. While other penguins in the book conform to appropriate penguin (or human) behavior with names like "Goodly, Lovely, Angel, Neatly" and "Perfect," Tacky marches to the beat of a different, syncopatic drummer. Both of our kids readily identified with his differences and quickly learned to mimic some of his mannerisms such as hearty slaps on the back while hollering, "What's happening?!" and singing "How many toes does a fish have?" at the top of their lungs. Whether marching, swimming, or singing, Tacky is definitely different. This book is an endearing mix of wonderful messages (it's ok to be yourself, sometimes our fears are worse than the reality, and creative problem solving are a few that come to mind) that are all delivered in a humorous, silly story that my kids love and I can read over and over

again without getting bored.

I have adored this book ever since I was a young girl. TACKY THE PENGUIN is brilliantly written, showing the importance of being different and not following everyone around you. This book is about a penguin who is the complete opposite from all the other penguins and ends up saving them because of his differences. This book makes me laugh every time I read it. The illustrations add a wonderful accent to the plot line. TACKY THE PENGUIN is appropriate for all ages.

Everytime I go off to babysit, I make sure that this book is with me! It is incredibly entertaining for both the children (young AND old) and myself. After reading it once, its almost guaranteed that you'll be reading it again and again, it never gets tiring! Kids will be rolling on the floor w/laughter after reading this! Not only is this book really fun, it teaches a really good lesson! Just because Tacky is and odd bird, it doesn't stop him from being a hero. This will teach kids that they can be proud to be themselves! I definitely, definitely reccommend this book to anyone who is around kids!

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